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BOMB HIDDEN IN LAMP-POST.

TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER IN MILAN.

FAULTY TIMING SAVES THE KING'S LIFE.

FOURTEEN KILLED.

Milan, Apr. 12.
Fourteen persons were killed and 40 injured in a bomb explosion in Julius Caesar Square just before the King opened the annual trade fair. Despite the outrage the King carried out the programme, driving through the grounds and visiting the pavilions.

Terrible Spectacle.
The King's life was evidently saved by the fact that the clock regulating the infernal machine was inaccurately set.

Panic followed the explosion, the cries of terror mingling with the shrieks of agony of the victims. The spectacle was a terrible one, many horribly mutilated bodies lying in all directions.

The King probably owed his life to the fact that he went directly to the fair from the station instead of following the plan published in the newspapers.

Girls Head Blown Off.

It is believed that the clockwork bomb was placed in a street lamp opposite to the entrance to the fair. It was timed to explode when the King reached the gates. The square was crowded and people near the lamp-post were blown to pieces.

One girl's head was entirely severed while a Fascist Boy Scout was shockingly mutilated. The bodies were laid out in the fair grounds, the sombre spectacle contrasting sharply with the gala decorations. The victims included five Alpine troops which were lining the route.

Most of the victims of the bomb outrage were women and children. Those standing near the fatal lamp-post were blown to pieces. It was fragments of the lamp-post which were principally responsible for the terrible slaughter.

King Visits Injured.

The Prefect of Milan has instituted an inquiry with a view to discovering the bombing miscreants. Many detectives have been sent to Milan from Rome and the Mayor of Milan has placed at the disposal of the Police one hundred thousand lire for anyone giving information leading to the discovery of those responsible for the bomb outrage.

The bomb was concealed on the lamp-post and exploded ten minutes before the passage of the Royal procession which continued on its way.

After the inauguration of the fair the King visited the hospital and spoke to victims of the outrage. The crowds deliriously cheered the King at the conclusion of the latter's visit to the hospital to see those who had been injured.

Comparable With Leipzig.

The fair at Milan is held annually under the name of the "International Sample Fair" in permanent buildings on the outskirts of the town. It remains open for several weeks and is one of the greatest of its kind held on the Continent.

It is almost comparable with the Leipzig fair in importance and attracts visitors from all over the world. King Victor Emmanuel has made a practice of opening it for some time.—*Reuter.*

Mussolini's Escape.

Lugano, Apr. 12.
A message from Como states that a powerful bomb was found on the railway line over which Mussolini's train had to pass on his return to Rome.

Attached to the infernal machine was a thread, the other end of which was held by a man hiding near the railway track. The man has been arrested.—*Reuter.*

How the Bomb was Placed.

Milan, Apr. 13.
Hundreds of arrests, mostly of a precautionary nature, have been made in connexion with the bomb outrage.

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MARSHAL LI STILL IN SHANGHAI

EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR SOUTH TO-MORROW.

PASSAGE IS BOOKED.

Reports received from Chinese sources show that Marshal Li Chai-sum is still in Shanghai, and that to-night he is to be the guest of honour at a banquet to be given by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. This gathering will be attended by social, financial, military and political leaders.

From the same quarter it is announced that Marshal Li will board steamer for Hongkong, en route to Canton, to-morrow.

This latter report appears to confirm the statement made yesterday that Marshal Li is returning South by the Blue Funnel s.s. *Sarpedon*, as that steamer is sailing from Shanghai to-morrow.

It is known locally that Marshal Li and party have made reservations on the s.s. *Sarpedon*, and the general belief is that he will come down by that boat, which is due in Hongkong on Monday.

COIN CONSPIRACY IN INDIA.

LIVERPOOL SCHOOLMASTER SENTENCED.

Liverpool, Apr. 12.
After a two months' trial on a charge of conspiracy to obtain "dies to coin the King's money," Edmund Clarence Wheeler, a Liverpool schoolmaster, who was extradited from England last July, has been sentenced to four and a half years' rigorous imprisonment.

Dickinson, who, according to Wheeler, asked him to have dies of the rupee made, which he believed would be used to stamp cakes of soap, was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment. Four Mohammedans, who were also accused received sentences of imprisonment ranging from seven years to two years and fines of a thousand rupees or an additional years' imprisonment in each case.—*Reuter.*

WANTS HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

ICHANG GENERAL HAS SMALL HOPES.

Ichang, Apr. 12.
Marshal Wei Yi-shan, who is leaving here, has hopes of obtaining half a million dollars from the local merchants before his departure, but it is doubtful if his hopes will be realised as General Yang Sen raised \$300,000 when he left in the middle of January.—*Naval Wireless.*

Commander Absconds.

Chinkiang, Apr. 12.
A report has been received to the effect that the local Military Commander has absconded, taking with him the sum of \$30,000. Small movements of troops are reported.—*Naval Wireless.*

A NEW MINISTER TO ALBANIA.

APPOINTMENT OF SIR R. M. HODGSON.

London, Apr. 12.
His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of Sir Robert MacLeod Hodgson as Minister to Durazzo, Albania.—*Reuter.*
[Sir Robert MacLeod Hodgson, K.B.E., C.M.G., was formerly H.M. Charge d'Affaires at Moscow. Previously he was Vice-Consul at Marsovia, and later at Vladivostok. He was a Counsellor in H.M. Commercial Diplomatic Service in 1919, and from 1921 to 1924 was the British Agent in Russia.]

BIG LIBRARY DONATION.

Tallinn, Apr. 12.
The Carnegie Foundation has donated to the Estonian Scientific Library about a thousand volumes dealing principally with American history and civilisation.—*Reuter.*

OPIUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

INCREASED TRAFFIC ALLEGED.

STRIKING MEMORANDUM IS SUBMITTED.

ITALY'S PROPOSALS.

Geneva, Apr. 12.

The Advisory Committee of the League on the traffic in opium and other dangerous drugs opened the eleventh session publicly. In the course of a discussion on Chinese seizures Mr. Chao said he regretted that the Chinese returns were regarded as incomplete and declared that the Chinese Government desired to furnish a full and prompt report.

Sir Malcolm Delevingue urged the prompt communication of such returns, and the Japanese delegate suggested that a copy of the Chinese returns should be communicated simultaneously to the Japanese Minister in Peking.

Mr. Chao asked that a similar procedure should be applied with regard to seizures in Japan.

Sir John Campbell, the Indian representative, reminded the Committee that Government control of narcotics had existed for many years in India.

Sir Malcolm Delevingue expressed disappointment at some of the replies by Governments on the resolution dealing with the leakage of drugs into illicit traffic.—*Reuter.*

Important Memorandum.

The main consideration will be a memorandum submitted by Mr. Cavazzoni, the Italian delegate, which contends that despite the fact that the Council Assembly has adopted over a hundred resolutions, illicit traffic has increased, and therefore the methods hitherto pursued could produce no results. The memorandum advocates a uniform method and agreement on a plan of action for the application of the principles of the Hague and Geneva Conventions. The memorandum provides for extremely rigorous enforcement of control and an obligation to give an account of the quantities formerly imported or removed from the factory before new authorisation is obtained.

It provides for supervision of the introduction of raw materials into factories by special registers, Government inspection measures to prevent the forging of certificates, and rewards for seizures and information leading to the seizure of "narcotics circulating without Government authorisation."—*Reuter.*

TO FLY ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN.

LADY HEATH WARNED OF THE RISKS.

London, April 12.
Lady Heath, who is attempting a flight from Capetown to England, and from whom the Royal Air Force authorities at Cairo have hitherto withheld facilities for a flight across the Mediterranean, on the ground that she lacked the experience to cross alone, has now been allowed to proceed. She has been informed, however, that she makes the Mediterranean crossing on her own responsibility, and has been warned of the risks involved.—*British Wireless.*

NEW ADMIRALS.

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE ADMIRALTY.

London, Apr. 12.
The Admiralty announces that Admiral Sir Sydney Fremantle has been placed on the retired list at his own request.
Vice-Admiral Sir F. L. Field has been promoted Admiral.
Rear-Admiral Beaty-Pownall and Captain G. Campbell, V.C., have been promoted Vice-Admiral and Rear-Admiral respectively. Both the latter are placed on the retired list as from April 8.—*Reuter.*

MAY MEET GALE IN ATLANTIC.

UNFAVOURABLE FORECAST FOR GERMAN FLYERS.

PROGRESS REPORTED.

Dublin, Apr. 12.
The German trans-Atlantic flight started at 5.27 this morning.

The departure of Captain Koehl, Baron Von Huehnfeldt and Commandant Fitzmaurice, chief of the Irish Free State air force, from Baldonnel aerodrome was witnessed by President Cosgrave and members of the government, and a big crowd which assembled in the dark early hours at the illuminated aerodrome.

The "Bremen" took off beautifully under 1,000 yards, escorted by a Free State aeroplane across Ireland. Flying conditions were ideal. The airmen who hope to reach New York under 36 hours, carry petrol for 45.—*Reuter.*

The Flyer's Progress.

London, Apr. 12.
The German trans-Atlantic flyers were last seen 88 miles due west of Ireland, dead on their course.—*Reuter.*

May Meet a Gale.

Washington, Apr. 12.
The latest bulletins issued by the Weather Bureau indicate that the "Bremen" will probably encounter strong winds in the West Atlantic, assuming gale proportions to-night.—*Reuter.*

The aviators who are attempting to cross the Atlantic from Ireland to America are Captain Koehl, the famous German aviator, Baron Von Huehnfeldt, who is the owner of the machine, and a mechanic called Spindler. The machine being used is a Junkers monoplane "Bremen," the identical machine in which Koehl and Baron Huehnfeldt attempted a flight last year which they abandoned after fighting a gale for twenty-two hours. Koehl is a famous pilot of the Luftwaffe company and has great reputation as an aerial navigator.

Preparations for the attempt met with little sympathy in Germany and only about a fortnight ago the Observatory in Hamburg refused to issue weather forecasts for the aviators, declaring that a trans-Atlantic flight at the present time was "one hundred per cent suicide in view of the unfavourable weather conditions."

COALHEAVERS RETURN.

GIBRALTAR STRIKE COMES TO AN END.

Gibraltar, Apr. 12.
The coal strike which has been in operation here has ended.—*Reuter.*

The strike of coalheavers was followed by considerable disorder on the employment of imported labour to take the place of the strikers.

Towards the end of last month excited crowds paraded the streets and demanded the release of 26 men who had been arrested for intimidating new labourers on board a ship. Later the crowd demonstrated at the Governor's residence and then attempted to attack the Police Station.

STOCK EXCITEMENT IN AMERICA.

TRANSACTION AT RECORD RATE.

New York, Apr. 12.
Transactions moved at a record breaking rate on the Stock Exchange and were accompanied by every symptom of speculative excitement. The renewal of a bull market in high prices in industrial shares was quickly forestalled. Many early gains from three to twelve dollars a share were wiped out or converted sharply into losses.

United States Steel rose from below 160 to 161, and General Motors closed at a fraction lower. Radio Corporation shares showed a net loss of 7.50.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HEAVY FIGHTING IN NORTH.

NATIONALISTS CLAIM SUCCESSES.

REPORTED CAPTURE OF THREE CITIES.

SHANTUNG RETREAT.

Hsichow, Apr. 12.
As a result of the Nanking Nationalist Army having begun operations against the Northern forces yesterday, severe fighting is taking place in this vicinity and in the region of Hsichow.—*British Wireless.*

Heavy Shantung Losses.

Shanghai, Apr. 13.
A telegram from Hsichow states that the Nationalists claim that Hanchow was completely captured by the 1st Nationalist Army yesterday morning. The Shantung troops suffered heavy losses. It is also claimed that an armoured train belonging to the Shantung forces was destroyed during the fighting.

The message adds that the Nationalists are besieging the city of Linchow.

According to messages from Nanking, it claimed that General Fong Chen-yu has captured Taining. The General Staff Headquarters at the front has received orders to move to Luchuan, which is very near the Shantung-Kiangsu border.

Antung Taken.

According to further Nationalist information, the 1st Army Corps have been making progress into Shantung by three different routes. The right flank has advanced into Antung and has encountered the Shantung forces under General Chang Tsung-fu. Heavy fighting has been taking place since the 10th in that sector.

A later report claims that the Nationalists on the right flank captured Antung yesterday after five hours' heavy fighting. The Shantung troops are now retreating further inland.

Big forces of troops, including units of Generals Chu Pei-eh, Chen Ta-chun and Fang Ting-yang, have been concentrating at Hsichow, which indicates that severe fighting has not been interrupted on the right flank of the Nationalists.

The special Division of the 17th Nationalist Army and the 37th Division of the same Army are reported to have arrived at Hsichow on the 9th instant, while more detachments have since been arriving.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Attack on Tsingtao?

A voracious cable states that the Nationalist troops at Hsichow have resolved to launch an attack on Tsingtao. This has resulted in Martial Law being put into force both on sea and on land at Tsingtao.

Conditions in Ichang.

The two prominent Hunan Nationalist Generals, Cheng Chien and Pei Chung-hsi, have ordered their troops, part of which are stationed at Ichang, to move up to the front to take part in the Northern campaign. The order to the troops at Ichang to leave the city on Tuesday, caused resentment among the people, who immediately wired to the Hunan leaders requesting that the troops be spared from taking part in the Northern campaign and permitted to remain at Ichang to exterminate banditry.

Fengtien-ites Declaration.

The leaders of the Fengtien troops belonging to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th routes issued a lengthy proclamation two days ago. Judging from its tone, it appears that the Fengtien-ites are anxious to secure reconciliation with the Nationalist leaders and the Shanai leaders, under Marshal Yen Shih-shan, the Military Governor of Shanai.

Varying Reports.

Peking, Apr. 12.
Military circles claim that the Shantung forces attacked the Nationalist forces between Tairuchang and Hanchuang on Tuesday and defeated them, although no claim is made that Hanchow has been taken.

General Chang Chung-chang is directing operations from Hanchuang. Yesterday two thousand Shanai Kuomintang prisoners passed through Peking on their way to Manchuria.—*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI INDIANS DEMONSTRATE.

ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE CONSULATE GROUNDS.

TEMPLE INCIDENT.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Apr. 13.

Great trouble was narrowly averted by the timely action of the International Settlement Police who halted a determined attempt by a big group of wildly excited Indians to enter the grounds of the British Consulate and personally demand that Sir Sydney Barton should re-open the Gurdwara in Chapel.

The presence of the "Red Maria" carrying machine guns and a riot squad prevented the incident from assuming graver dimensions.

Considerable tact was displayed by the three assistant Police Commissioners, Captains Beatty, Wahl and Kennedy.

Bystanders witnessed a perfunctory demonstration of chanting, drum beating, cymbal-clanging and flag-wagging. Clubs and fists were freely used.

Sir Sydney Barton's refusal to open the temple is ascribed to a desire to avert complications with the Chinese authorities.

PRESENTATION TO CAPT. INNES.

THIS MORNING'S CEREMONY.

Further evidence of the esteem in which Captain R. Innes, the retiring Marine Superintendent of the China Navigation Company is held, was given this forenoon, when he was the recipient of a parting gift from the wharfingers and their friends of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, at the Canton Wharf.

The presentation was in the form of a desk smoking outfit in plate glass and silver, suitably inscribed.

Mr. W. Edley, the Chief Wharfinger, made the presentation with an appropriate speech dwelling on the friendly relations which had always existed between the members of the wharf staff and Captain Innes. He concluded with an expression of good wishes to Captain and Mrs. Innes, on behalf of the subscribers to the gift.

Captain Innes, who was obviously touched by the spirit of the gift, briefly responded and agreed that there had always been friendly relationships, which he trusted would also be enjoyed by his successor, Captain McCulloch. Toasts were subsequently drunk and farewells said.

GIFTS TO THE KING.

SOME ANCIENT PERSIAN MANUSCRIPTS.

London, Apr. 12.

What is regarded as the finest specimen of Persian handwriting in existence, has been presented to King George by the King of Afghanistan through the Afghan Minister in London. This manuscript was written 200 years ago on milky, white paper made from bamboo as anciently used in the East. The writer used the pointed nail of the index finger of his right hand to write the fifty or more pages in which every stroke and curve is perfect. The work occupied five years.

Two other ancient manuscripts accompany the gift. One is a treatise on horses written in gold in Persian characters and the other, also written in gold, is a masterpiece of Arabic handwriting comprising Moslem prayers.—*British Wireless.*

THE UNEMPLOYED.

SLIGHT INCREASE AT HOME.

London, Apr. 12.
The official return shows that on April 2, 1,041,900 persons were unemployed. This is a slight increase of 8,065 following a considerable diminution during the last few weeks. The figure given is 81,868 less than a year ago.—*British Wireless.*

A HUGE COMBINE FORMED.

BIG ANGLO-AMERICAN PROJECT.

WILL CO-OPERATE IN FINANCE AND INDUSTRY.

\$2,000,000 CAPITAL.

London, Apr. 12.
What is described as a "gigantic combine of financiers" has been formed, entitled the Finance Company of Great Britain and America, registered with a nominal capital of £2,000,000, held in equal proportions by the Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. and the Chase Securities Corporation of New York.

Sir Alfred Mond, who is the chairman, states that the American Committee is probably unique in history, the financial corporations including the most important leaders of finance and industry. He declared that the new corporation would facilitate commercial and industrial finance of the British Empire, Europe and the United States.—*Reuter.*

Pound and Shilling Shares.

London, Apr. 12.
Sir Alfred Mond announced this afternoon the formation of a big combine of British and American financiers and industrialists.

The new Company has been registered with a nominal capital of £2,000,000, divided into two million ordinary £1 shares and 800,000 deferred shares of one million.

The ordinary capital will be held in equal proportions by the Imperial Chemical Industries Company of this country and the Chase Securities Corporation of New York.

The Directors.

The Board of Directors will include Sir Alfred Mond, who will be Chairman; Sir Harry McGowan, will be Deputy Chairman; Mr. Albert Wiggin, President of the National Bank of America; the Marquess of Reading; Lord Colwyn; Mr. Clarence Graft; and Mr. James Gammon, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank. The two last-named will act as joint Managing Directors on behalf of American shareholders.

An American Committee has also been formed to act in consultation and co-operation with the British Directors.

Continuous Co-operation.

It is pointed out that an increasing volume of capital investments by American interests in the United States and on the Continent of Europe has been a new feature since the war, and a desire to direct this into most profitable channels has led to the idea of systematic and continuous co-operation of the leading financial and industrial brains of both countries for development of industries already established or of new ideas.

The new Corporation will provide facilities for commercial and industrial financing in the British Empire, in Europe and in the United States, in co-operation between English and American interests, and will develop contracts for the purpose of international industrial development. It will be known as the Finance Company of Great Britain and America.—*British Wireless.*

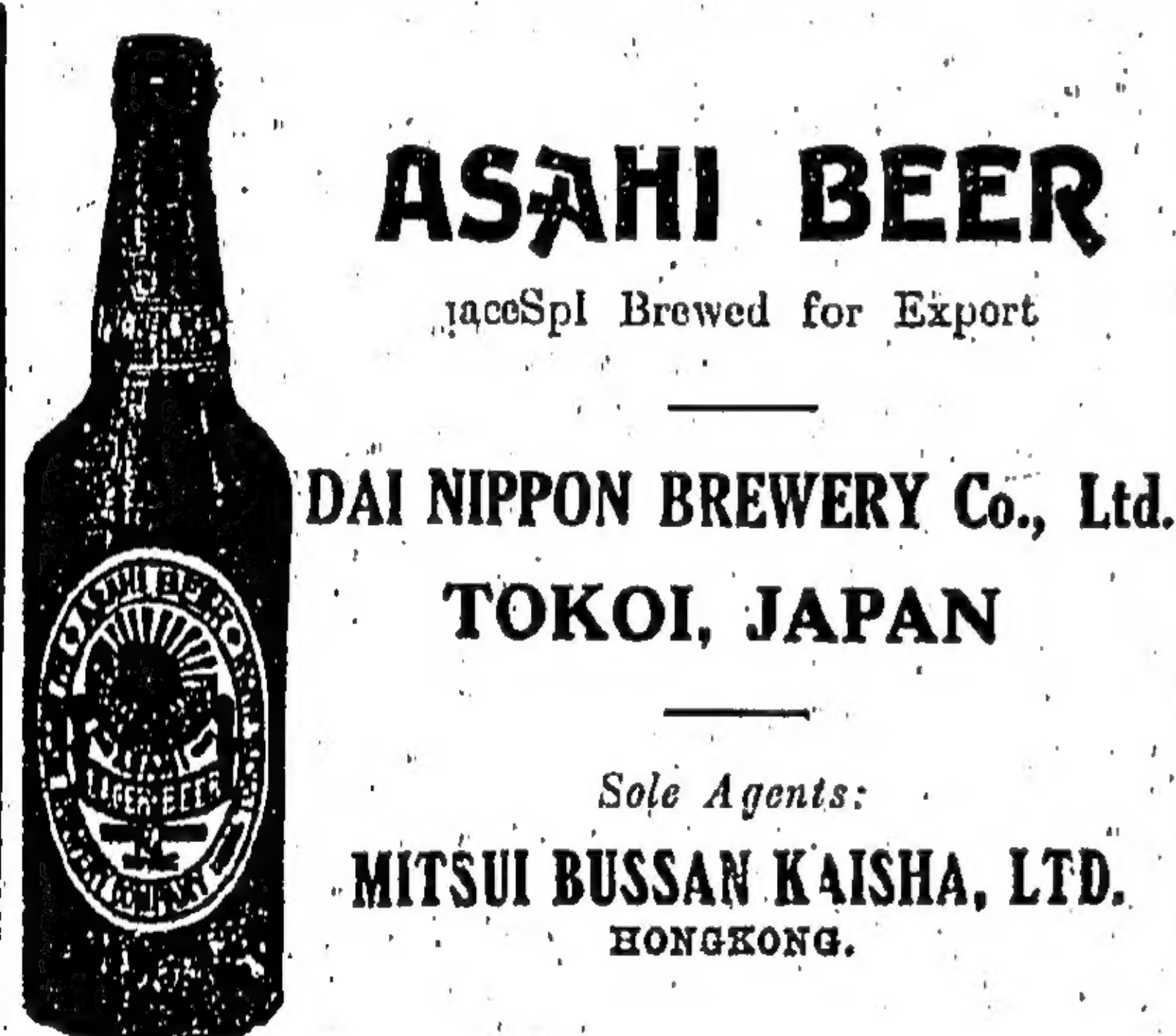
LORD TREMATON'S CONDITION.

STILL CAUSE FOR ANXIETY.

London, Apr. 12.
This morning's bulletin regarding Lord Trematon states that his condition is unchanged. He is still too weak for the transfusion of blood which the doctors have contemplated.—*British Wireless.*

ROYALTY VISIT BETHLEHEM.

London, Apr. 12.
Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, who arrived at Jerusalem yesterday, went this morning to Bethlehem and visited the Nativity Church.—*British Wireless.*

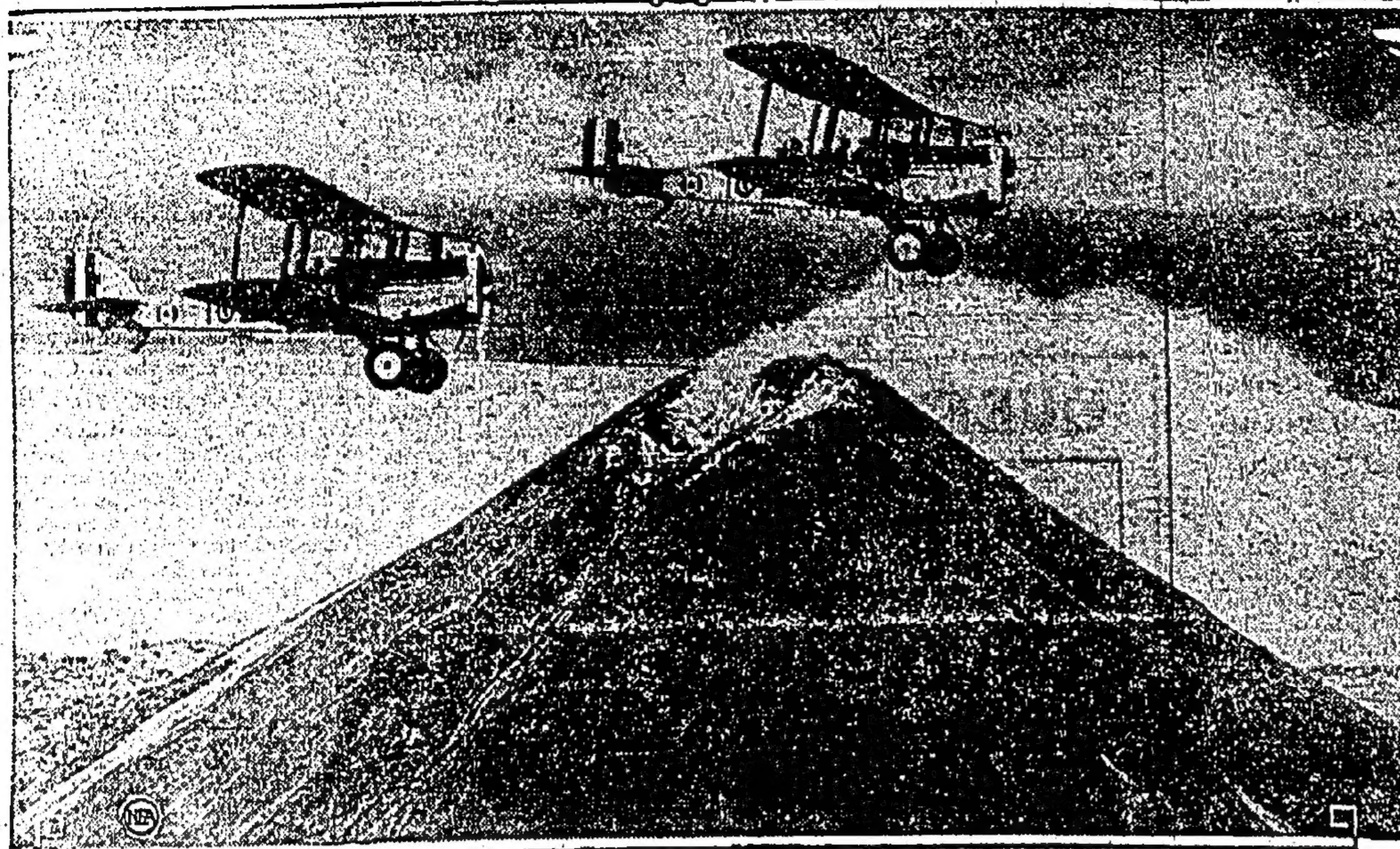


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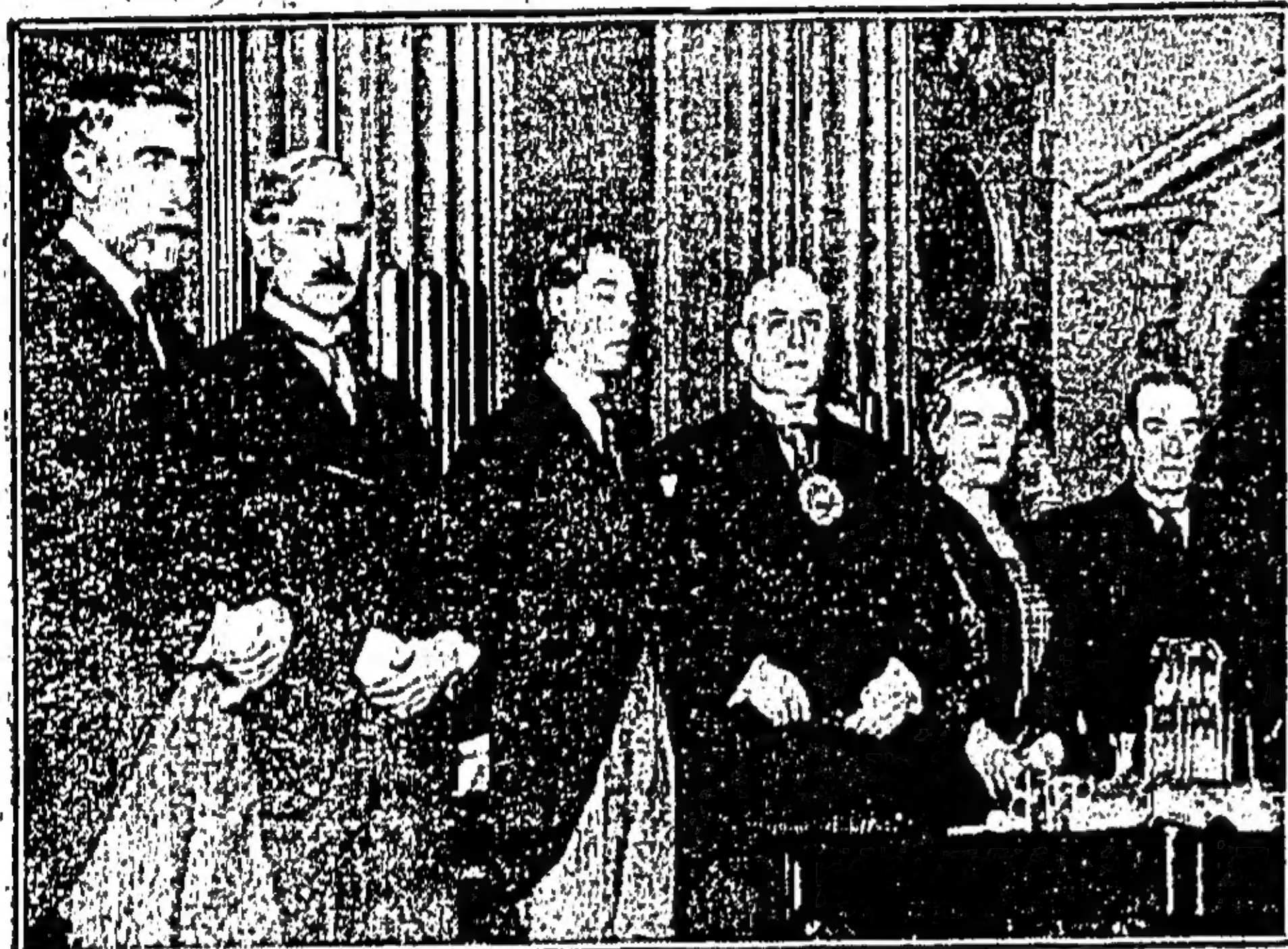




A new picture of Harry Lau, the overlord in town.



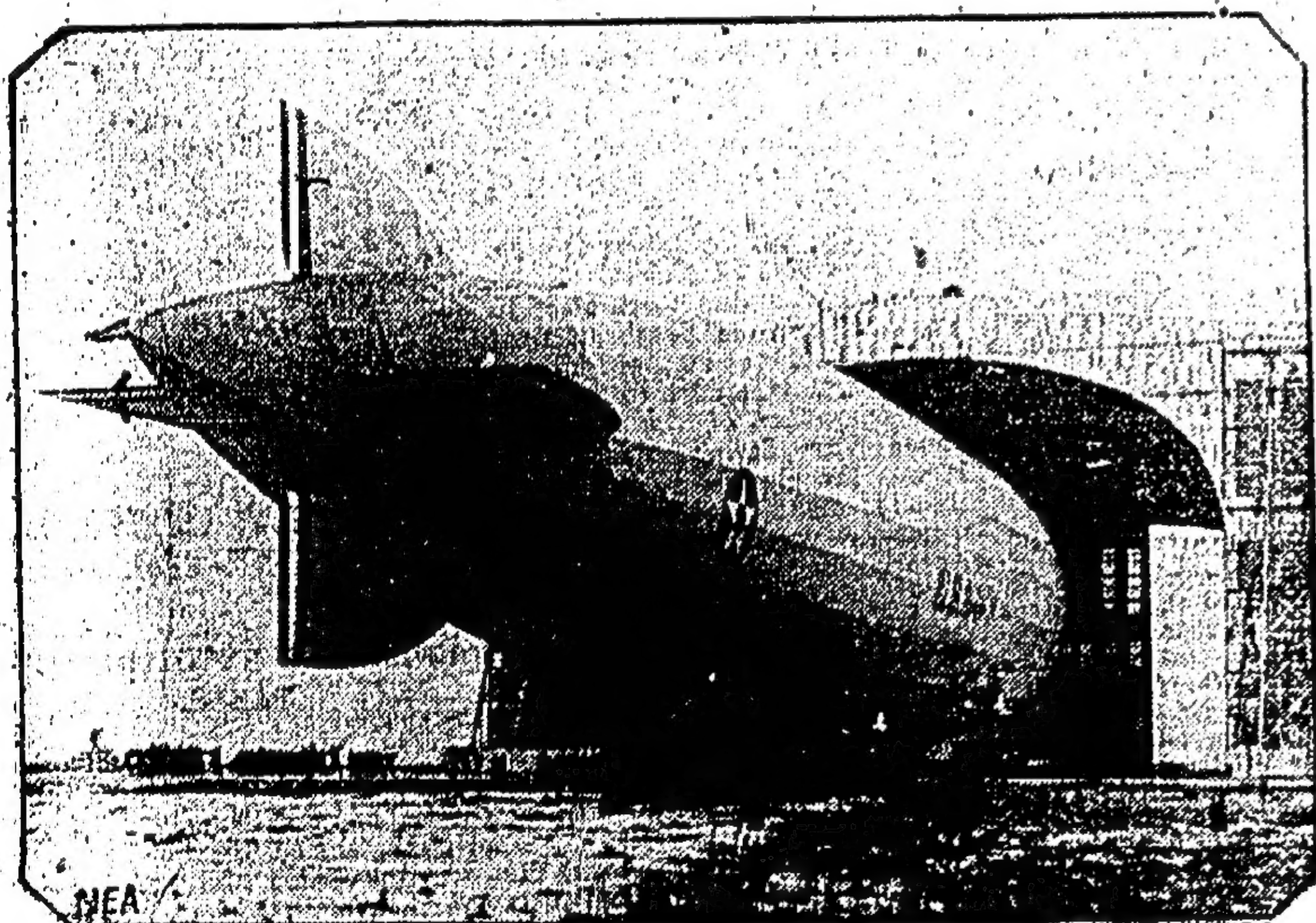
This remarkable picture shows U. S. marine flyers crossing the smoking crater of Momotombo, the great volcanic peak in Nicaragua. The volcano lies between Managua, the capital, and the stronghold of the rebel general, Sandino. This is a sample of the country marines have to traverse in the Latin-American country in their fight to capture Sandino.



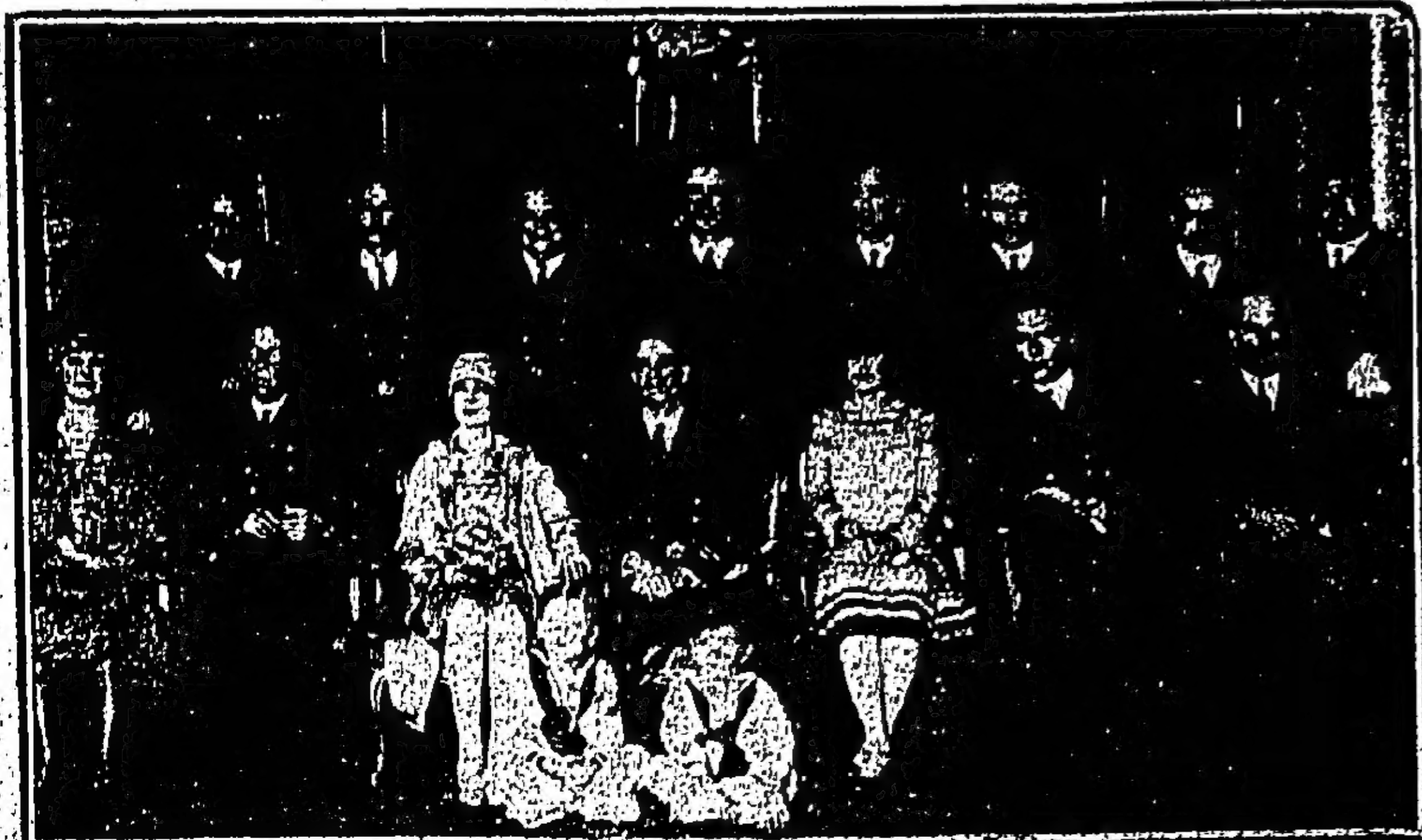
A meeting was held at The Mansion House 2, in support of the appeal for £500,000 to build homes for Ex Service men as a memorial to the late Lord Haig. Our picture shows from left to right: Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Madden, Mr. MacDonald, H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, the Lord Mayor (Sir Charles Batho), Lady Batho, and the Prime Minister (Mr. Stanley Baldwin). (Times copyright).



A tiny bit of Japanese femininity presenting a bouquet of flowers to the Japanese flyers Abe and Kamel on their arrival in the Whangpoo after their start from Tokio four hours previously.



Home from its record-breaking 4500-mile flight to the Canal Zone and back by way of Cuba, the silvery bulk of the Los Angeles is walked into its Lakehurst, N. J., hangar.



Group taken after the wedding at the Astor House Hotel Shanghai of Lieut. Richard Britain Tugge, Executive Officer of the U. S. S. Lobel, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Tugal, of Barbourville, Kentucky, and Miss Marjorie Henry, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Henry, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Included in the group are Mrs. Henry, mother of the bride, Commander John Cox, Executive officer of the U. S. S. Henderson, Lieut. Dudley Brown, best man, and Lieuts. W. R. Read, W. G. Livingstone, J. J. Patterson, M. R. George, J. W. Cavanagh, W. E. Tarbutton, R. O. Sutcliffe and R. L. Bollerby.



Ten persons lost their lives, 40 were injured and property damage of \$100,000 was done by gasoline explosions and consequent fire at the Beacon Oil Company's Everett, Mass., refinery. Here are employees fighting the flames.



Miss Ruth Haviland, 19, of Kansas City, Kansas, expects to be with Col. Art Goebel (left) when he sets out on an air journey to Paris and back this summer. Col. Goebel won the \$10,000 Dole Pacific flight from San Francisco to Hawaii last summer.

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LACONIC LETTER WRITERS.

Shakespeare, who said of one letter that it was "too long by half a mile," would have little to complain of on that score to-day, for the majority of letter writers are in a terrific hurry when post time comes round.

Writes one—"I have been so busy or I would have written before this." Another pleads—"Forgive me but I seem to have no time for letters nowadays." A third ends her epistle abruptly with—"I must hurry now and catch the post;" and, as if to emphasise her hurry, she seals up the letter before the ink is dry.

Thus the modern scribe occupies several lines of the letter in excusing its brevity, while the Victorian letter writer began with "Dear—," just a line to tell you—and then covered several pages, each closely written, crossed, and recrossed. Those voluminous letters were safely-valued for the relief of the writer's pent up feelings, while to-day there are so many other ways of letting off surplus energy that expensive letter writing has lost its vogue.

But the very brief letter is by no means a modern growth. Richard Steele could condense much in little, as when he wrote to his wife:—

March 11, 1708-9.

Dear Prue,

I enclose five guineas, but can't come home to dinner. Dear little woman, take care of thyself, and eat and drink cheerfully.

RICHARD STEELE.

Men of action have often been exceedingly laconic in their letters. Thus Captain Walton wrote to Admiral Byng on August 16, 1718:—"Sir,—We have taken and destroyed all the Spanish ships and vessels which were upon the coast, the number as per margin. —I am, &c., G. Walton." And almost as famous is the rejoinder that a Highland magnate sent to his rival:—"Dear Glengarry,—you have proved yourself to be my chief, I shall be happy to admit your claim. Meanwhile I am, Yours, Macdonald."

Wit and laconism frequently go hand in hand, as in the following exchange:—"Dear Dorset, I have just been married and am the happiest dog alive.—Berkeley." To which came the reply:—"Dear Berkeley, every dog has his day.—Dorset."

One of the shortest letters on record was that with which Sir William Napier announced his triumph in Seinde. It was the single word "Peccavi"—(I have sinned). But shorter still was the correspondence which took place between Victor Hugo and his publisher, on the publication of "Les Misérables." The author, wishing to know how the book was going, sent his card bearing a single query mark—"?" And the publisher, to emphasise the success of the book, replied—"!"

But such brevity is liable to be misunderstood. It is as disappointing for the recipient to be able to read your letter at a single glance, as it is to have to wade through endless pages. The golden mean is a letter that is like interesting conversation between absent friends, conveying much of the writer's personality in the fewest possible words, and showing a keen sympathy and interest in the correspondent's affairs.

Leap Year.

It is a popular fiction that eligible bachelors go straightway into hiding as soon as Leap Year dawns.

It may have been true at some time in the distant past, that spinsters who had little hope of matrimony unless they took the initiative actually took advantage of Leap Year to propose marriage.

Nowadays, though there are many more women than men, Leap Year has lost its proverbial significance. There is greater comradeship between the sexes. Girls no longer wait at home with fluttering hearts and demure faces un-

Useful Hints.

FROM A BEAUTY SPECIALIST.

Finger nails that are inclined to be brittle should be soaked in olive oil.

A never-failing cure for dandruff is, just before washing the hair, to rub a little olive oil into the scalp, then wash in the usual way, using a good soap and rinsing thoroughly.

The juice of a lemon added to the final rinsing water of a shampoo will make the hair beautifully fluffy.



Myron, sculptor of the 5th century B.C., sought in his famous Discobolus statue of the ancient Greek discus-thrower to express an ideal conception of human grace and beauty of form. He succeeded well, but wouldn't you say that in this pose Prunella Stack of Holland Park Health School, London, succeeds almost better?

all the right gallant comes along to woo them.

The modern girl, though she does not wear her heart on her sleeve, does not hide it under a bushel.

If she is attracted she does not dissemble. It is all for the good. Selection is better to be mutual than one-sided.

Bachelors need not hide because 1928, is divisible by four. Whether the year is Leap or not, it is man who proposes but woman who sees that he does.

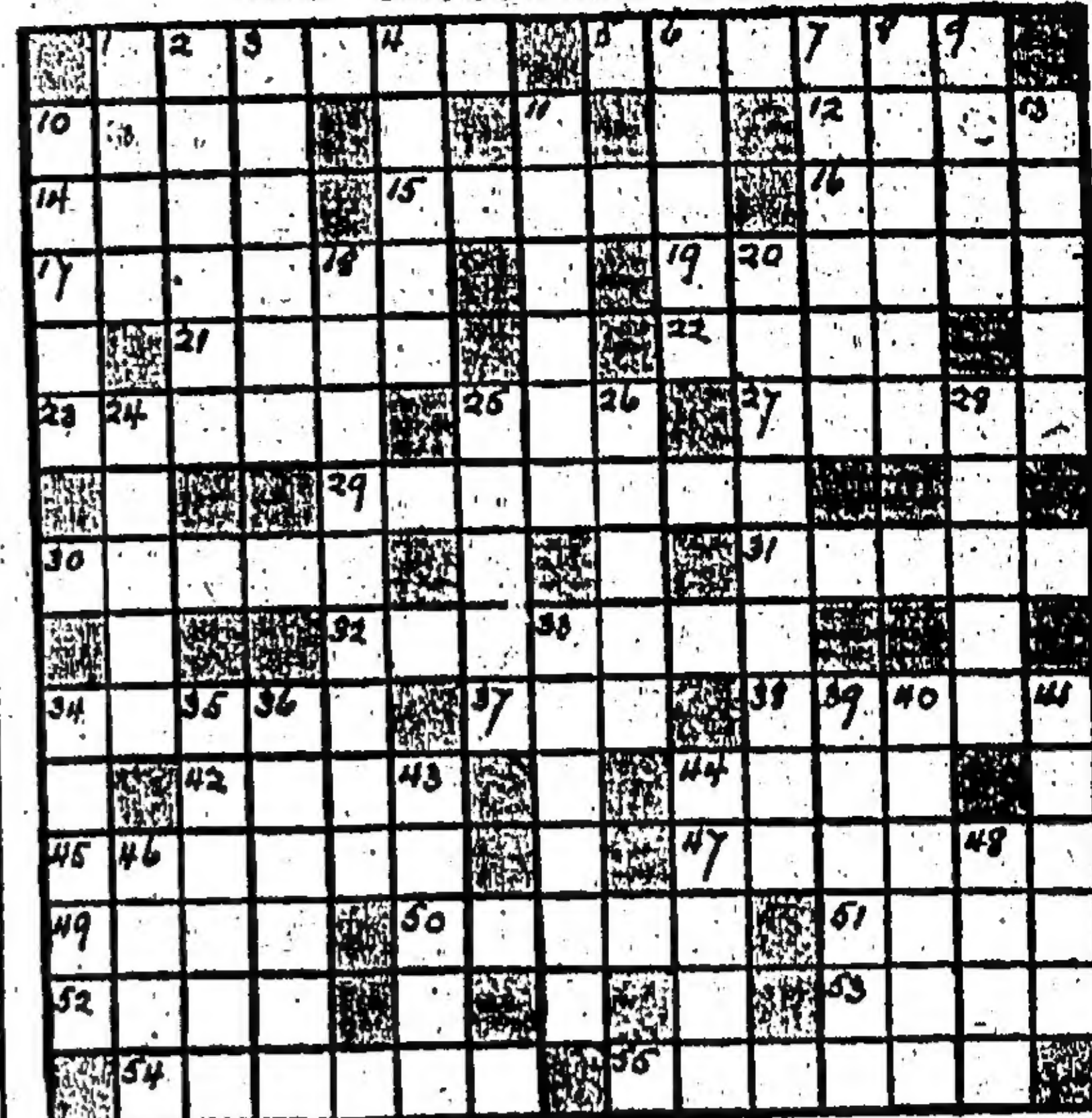
Borax is excellent for hot, perspiring hands.

To remove the trace of tears from the eyes bathe them with weak tea.

A small piece of cottonwool is an excellent substitute for an ordinary puff—when soiled it can be thrown away and a fresh piece used.

When teeth are inclined to loosen, tincture of myrrh is a good thing to use.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

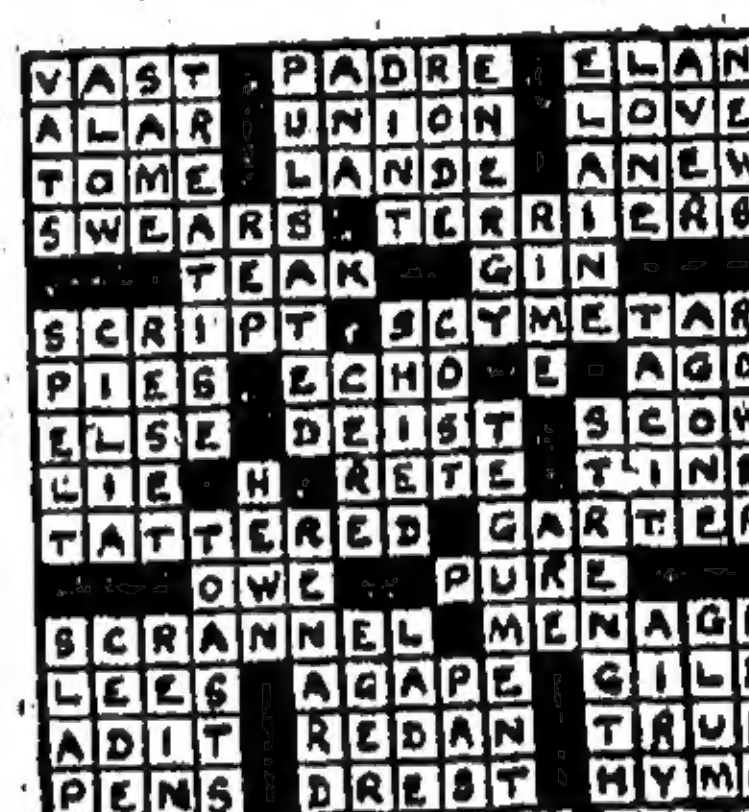


- Across.
- 1 Struck.
 - 5 Fragments.
 - 10 Fortell.
 - 12 Passenger vehicle.
 - 14 Stringed musical instrument.
 - 16 Extract.
 - 17 Measure of duration.
 - 19 Spins a web.
 - 21 Forthwith.
 - 22 Wither.
 - 23 Cloth made of flax.
 - 25 Encountered.
 - 27 Birds' habitations.
 - 29 Defame.
 - 30 Another form of escape.
 - 31 Pertaining to tone.
 - 32 Harness maker.
 - 34 Confidence.
 - 37 Observe.
 - 38 Sign of the Zodiac.
 - 42 Christmas carol.
 - 44 Overpower.
 - 45 Noble youth.
 - 47 Machine minder.
 - 49 Dotest.
 - 50 Cloth.
 - 51 Middle part of a church.
 - 52 Always.
 - 53 Gives sparingly.
 - 54 Value.
 - 56 Empty.

- Down.
- 1 Nine inches.
 - 2 Scotch cloth.
 - 3 Murmur.
 - 4 Trim with the back.
 - 6 Plant used in salad.
 - 7 Array.

- 8 Values one's self.
- 9 Identical.
 - 10 Outer covering.
 - 11 Silenced.
 - 13 Small lakes.
 - 18 Opposed.
 - 20 Pierce.
 - 24 Contract.
 - 25 Young women.
 - 26 Open net, silk fabric.
 - 28 Frame used when shoeing a horse.
 - 33 Hangs from the throat of a cow.
 - 34 Catch.
 - 35 Joins.
 - 36 Crafty.
 - 39 Racer.
 - 40 Opening.
 - 41 Fathers.
 - 43 Shelf.
 - 44 Sepulchral slab.
 - 46 Possess.
 - 48 Uniform.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1928.

MARSHAL LI'S RETURN.

The report that Marshal Li Chai-sum is about to leave Shanghai on his way back to Canton is most reassuring to Chinese and foreigners alike here in the South. When he recently left for Nanking, at the call of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, there was a fear that his new duties might keep him away from Canton for an indefinite period. Such a development, at the peculiar juncture in the situation in Canton, was regarded with a considerable measure of concern, the more so as there was every evidence of a keen desire on the part both of the people and officials in Canton that Marshal Li should quickly return to carry out the measures of reform and reconstruction to which his Government had pledged itself. On the eve of his departure for Nanking, Marshal Li had evoked order out of chaos in Canton and had secured a happy reconciliation with Hongkong. There was, therefore, much promise of better times ahead for South China and this Colony. Hopes, however, began to wane somewhat when he was called upon to take up the post of Chief of Staff to the Nanking Army. The report that he is now returning South has, happily, considerably minimised these fears.

The one point that must have struck most people is the marked unanimity of opinion shown in Canton in favour of Marshal Li's return. The fact that he is a Kwangsi man has not in any way diminished his popularity, and that circumstance may be traced to a more dominating one, namely, the desire of the people that there should be a "strong man" at the head of the Government at the present juncture. Given that, Canton does not greatly care who that leader is, but the fact that Marshal Li's return is being so keenly awaited suggests that popular opinion considers him as the right man for the job. There has been some suggestion in Shanghai that the pending return of Li Chai-sum betokens a fresh split in the Nationalist ranks. We are, however, not concerned at the moment with the why and the wherefore of his movements. Indeed, it is quite conceivable that that is a wrong construction to put on his return South. At any rate, even when he left for Nanking there were many Chinese who believed

that he would succeed in making arrangements with Chiang Kai-shek enabling him to come back again within a very brief period of time. Whatever the facts concerning the internal condition of the Nationalist Party may be, it is sufficient for the South to know that the man in whom great faith is placed is expected shortly to be in Canton again. That circumstance is bound to revive confidence both here and in Canton.

As to the outlook for the Northern Expedition, it is not by any means easy at the moment to ascertain how the campaign is progressing. The reports from various sources are distinctly conflicting, and, that being the case, it would be wise to exercise caution before accepting unconfirmed versions. Canton, however, is not very directly concerned in the campaign, except to the point of assisting it to some extent financially, and we cannot see at the moment any likelihood of interference in Canton affairs by the Nanking faction. Whatever views we may hold as to the wisdom of pushing on with the Expedition, it does seem a thousand pities that the civil war cannot once and for all come to an end and some real effort be made by all parties to compose their differences and concentrate on the restoration of the country's prestige. But the day of a unified China still seems very far off.

Peninsula Development.

In view of the hope expressed at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., yesterday that the new Peninsula Hotel will be open in October, it is interesting to speculate on the effect which the inauguration of this latest addition to the Colony's residential establishments will have on general living conditions in Hongkong. As an addition to the Colony's fine examples of architecture the new Peninsula Hotel is undoubtedly in the forefront and there is no doubt that the opening of it will have a profound effect on development on the Kowloon side of the harbour. The new hotel will become the centre of Kowloon's activities and it is to be supposed that, once catering for the demands of both local residents and visitors, it will be immediately followed by the further progress of Kowloon and the fostering of business on that side of the harbour. Another consideration is the fact that the opening of the new hotel will not only offer the best possible accommodation to tourists but also to residents in the Colony. There are strong hopes that this will assist materially in a settlement of the local housing problem and the difficulties which face local residents in finding suitable accommodation at a reasonable rate. The site on which the hotel is built has everything to commend it from the residents' point of view and this, coupled with a knowledge of the service always associated with the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., will undoubtedly result in the available accommodation for residents in the Colony being taken by those who will thereby find a happy solution to the living problem. The enterprise of the Company has been shown in the erection of a huge and magnificent building at a time when some were of the opinion that such a venture was premature. We prefer to think, however, that the courageous policy adopted by the Company will be vindicated almost as soon as the new hotel is open, for it will not only prove a boon to local residents but will still further encourage tourists to visit the Colony and automatically stimulate business.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Apr. 12.

Paris	124
New York	4.88 11/32
Brussels	34.96
Geneva	25.33
Amsterdam	12.11
Milan	20.41
Berlin	8.18
Stockholm	18.26
Copenhagen	18.26
Oslo	34.705
Vladivostok	164
Prague	12.11
Helsingfors	103
Madrid	28.055
Lisbon	372
Athens	779
Bucharest	5.69/64
Rio	47.13/16
Buenos Aires	1/5.31/32
Bombay	2/0
Shanghai	2/0
Hongkong	1/11.9/10
Yokohama	23.5/10
Silver (spot)	25
Silver (forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

THE SELFISH, EVEN IF THEY MAKE FRIENDS, CANNOT KEEP THEM.—J. N. Froudenburgh.

A Chinese case of small-pox was notified yesterday.

Mr. E. Gibb left the Colony for Australia, on retirement, by the s.s. Changste this morning. Numerous friends gave him a hearty send-off.

The s.s. Fatsan will be berthed at Canton Wharf at 6 a.m. tomorrow from Takoo and will resume service as day boat at 8 a.m.

The dance arranged by the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club to take place at the Hotel Savoy on Wednesday, April 18th, has been cancelled.

By the s.s. Sui Tai sailing for Macao this afternoon, 14 local ponies were despatched to take part in to-morrow's meeting on the Portuguese track.

The arrival of the s.s. Lungshan from Canton, last evening, was the third in succession on which the voyage down had been accomplished in the good time of 5 hours and 40 minutes.

A warrant is out for the arrest of Sydney Woods, described as a Eurasian, who is wanted in connexion with an alleged swindle perpetrated on Messrs. Mustard & Co. on Wednesday.

The s.s. Anhui arriving from Singapore and Amoy, reports the death of a Chinese deck passenger on April 7 from consumption, and another on April from pneumonia. Both bodies were buried at sea on the same day.

It is announced that Defence Searchlight Practices will be carried out from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. as follows:—April 19, Stonecutters; May 3, Lyemun; May 10, Belchers; May 17, Stonecutters; June 7, Lyemun; June 14, Belchers; June 21, Stonecutters.

The driver of Motor Lorry No. 1801 made a report to the police yesterday that whilst he was driving in Gascoigne Road, in the direction of Hungnam, a Chinese ran out from the pavement in front of the lorry and was knocked down. He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital but died shortly after admission.

A Chinese woman who was banished from the Colony in 1924 for a period of five years, for breach of the Opium Ordinance, was found in Hongkong yesterday by the police. She was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsay at the Central Magistracy this morning and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 14 arrivals and 16 departures, British holding top place with seven and five respectively. Tonnage was only moderate, but British freights showed an increase, with three of the days heaviest returns. At 9 a.m. there were 67 vessels in harbour, of which 24 were British.

The Chinese woman who was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital from the New Territories suffering from the effects of taking a dose of Lysol disinfectant, died in hospital to-day at 4 a.m. The woman, as previously reported, not only took her own life in this manner, but also poisoned her child, who died yesterday.

Opium seizures were made on board two vessels arriving yesterday, by officers of the ships concerned. Chief Officer Dickenson, of s.s. Anhui, seized 400 taels, and the Chief Officer of the s.s. Cremer 700 taels. An application for confiscation will be made to the Court in due course, but no arrests have been made in connexion with the seizures.

BANDITS IN PERAK.

MINERS HELD UP BY ARMED GANG.

Ipoh, Apr. 6.

An amazing story of the robbery of \$2,500 from the pay table of a mining kongai was told in the Supreme Court.

Whilst the manager and three others were counting money to pay over 100 coolies assembled outside four men suddenly appeared in the room.

They levelled a revolver at the men who were told to put their hands up and calmly pocketed the cash and vanished.

A roar of alarm caused the enraged coolies to give chase, but they were driven back by shots.

The next day the police arrested one man with a revolver and ammunition. Mr. Justice Thorne yesterday sentenced the accused to four years' rigorous imprisonment.—Straits Times.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Russia's Plotting.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I read your leading article of yesterday with much interest. It shows that this Colony is paying some attention to the Communist plots just discovered. What attention, however, are we giving to the plots constantly being discovered in the country so near to us? Why is it that so little prominence or publicity is given to the "Evils of Borodin," (translated from the Chinese title), written by the Red officer, Captain Eugene Pick?

It was published in Shanghai, if I am right. I have not seen its English version, but I have been fortunate enough to secure a Chinese copy of it in Canton. It is an open confession; it is a complete revelation. It contains convincing data of the evils of Borodin, the Cheka and other Soviet organizations; it provides forcible propaganda against Russia.—Yours etc.

Y.H.C.

Hongkong, Apr. 13th, 1928.

ARMED ROBBERY.

RUSE WHICH PROVED SUCCESSFUL.

A report of an armed robbery at Bay View was made to the police yesterday by a Chinese married woman named Ho Yun-lau.

According to the woman's story, at 12.30 p.m. yesterday two men gained admittance to her house at No. 2 Po Sien Street, by pretending that they had come to rent bicycles.

Once inside the house, they examined the cubicles and later proceeded to the verandah, where both men peered into the street. They then re-entered the room they had left and, overpowering the woman, ransacked the premises, later taking away money and clothing to the value of \$10.

In her statement to the police, the woman said that one of the men was armed with a revolver and the other possessed a dagger.

THE WEEK'S PICTURES.

EASTER WEDDINGS IN THE "TELEGRAPH."

Eastern weddings will figure prominently in the topical pictures appearing in to-morrow's Telegraph. These will include groups taken at the marriages of Mr. C. de S. Robertson and Miss Edith J. Rowlands, of Mr. W. J. Keates and Miss Dorothy Ray, of Mr. W. H. Nolloth and Miss Doris L. Gatty, of Mr. J. Johnston and Miss Dorothy Wiltshire, of Mrs. A. M. Stuart and Mr. R. Cunningham, and of Mr. A. S. da Roza and Miss A. L. Loureiro.

There will also be some interesting football pictures. These will include snapshots of the play in the Shield final, with a group of Kowloon F.C., the winners of the Army team which defeated the Chinese in the Lai Wah Cup; and a group of the Hongkong and Shanghai Portuguese football teams.

STIRRING FILM.

"EAGLE OF THE SEA" NOW SHOWING.

A very stirring tale of the early days of American independence, when Napoleon was an exile at St. Helena, when America and England were still distrustful of each other and with Spain a somewhat scheming observer, is now being shown on the screen at the Queen's Theatre. "The Eagle of the Sea" tells how a chivalrous young pirate leader, who has given up the "calling," becomes engaged through force of circumstances in another high adventure on the sea, and it is a tale that grips and interests right the way through. There is a strong love interest, and there is also plenty of thrilling and exciting action, especially in the fight between a buccaneer ship and a Spanish frigate.

There is also much old-world charm of costume and setting, and the picture is one of the best of its kind. Florence Vidor and Ricardo Cortez play the leading roles and there is a large and colourful cast. The picture is especially well produced, some of the sea scenes being particularly fine. It should prove very popular.

Included in the programme is an interesting Gage and a Pathe News, as well as some more amusing adventures of Koko in "Out of the Inland." The programme remains unchanged for to-day and Saturday.

The Very Idea!

"Yes, this is the top," said the lift attendant, and the solitary occupant alighted. The attendant added venomously to the passengers for the downward trip, "It's surprising how many people come into this lift and never say where they want to go to. I brought him as high as I could, and he doesn't seem satisfied."

Longships Lighthouse, off the Cornish Coast, with its three keepers, was cut off from shore for nearly two months. Angry combbers prevented the relief ship from approaching. Despite their isolation, the keepers were able to keep in touch with their wives ashore by a sonaphone. Each day they exchange messages with them and their friends.

Milicevic, a Serbian soldier, has in twenty-four hours experienced the thrill of inheriting millions and the disappointment of losing practically all.

A letter arrived recently from New York, which he read as stating that his uncle had died there and left him \$3,000,000. The penniless soldier, overcome with joy, fainted. The news was published in the mid-day papers, and the barracks were at once inundated with telegraph boys bringing offers of marriage, appeals for help, and congratulations from friends, known and unknown.

Milicevic, after entertaining his friends in royal style, went with jaunty steps to his colonel to purchase his discharge. The colonel asked to see the letter.

"Why, Milicevic," he exclaimed, when he had read it, "it says only \$31." Milicevic, when he had at last been convinced of his tragic mistake, rushed to the barrack-room, where he tried to commit suicide with his rifle. He is now in hospital.

Woman, after hearing the list of cases at Bow County Court: Oh, dear, I am well down the list. I hope I shall not be kept long, as I have my old man's dinner to see to!

A solicitor appeared legally for his son, who was summoned at Willesden for a motoring offence. The son was fined 20s, which the father paid.

Edmonton woman: He said, "Now I'll kill you." Magistrate: And did he kill you?

Question at Bow County Court: How came you to marry your husband? Wife: Sheer bad luck.

Witness at Mansfield: This man is continually saying a lot of things which he cannot say.

Willesden magistrate: Have you been summoned before? Man: Yes, six times. Here they all are.

Nervous Man (at Cup tie): "They've played rotten so far, haven't they?"

Great Enthusiast (fiercely, as he rolls up his sleeves): "Oo's played rotten?"

Nervous Man—"Why, the—er—band, old boy, the band."

A young pastrycook named Mayer, for a bet of a packet of cigarettes, provided the greatest sensation of the Cologne Carnival by climbing up the outside of the south steeple of the famous Dom (Cathedral) tower, which are 520 ft high. There he first danced a Charleston, and then did a hand balance ("standing" on his hands with both feet in the air) in the sight of an enormous multitude, who had watched his perilous climb with feverish anxiety owing to its risky nature.

When the boy—he is only 20—was first noticed on the roof of the Dom, dressed in carnival costume as an "Apache," it was about midday, and nobody took more than passing heed of him. But as he began to ascend by means of the stone Gothic ornaments and enrichments which are characteristic of these spires, people began to flock to the Dom Plate and adjacent streets. Hour after hour the climb went on, the climber pausing now and again to wave a hand to the sea of upturned faces. Nobody thought he could surmount even the great stone "wreath" which projects all round about 60 ft. from the top, but the climber accomplished this, although it meant climbing outdoors.

A rough, bluff farmer was induced to act as substitute chairman to a lecturer on "Kents."

In introducing the lecturer, he said: "I don't want to waste your time talking. You all want to hear about Kents. So do I. In fact, I'm dying to know what Kents are."

It is our job, as an industrial nation, to keep shop.—The Duke of York.

Armaments are the barometer of peace and war.—Commander Kenworthy.

Safety first has never been the motto of commerce in this country, and I hope it never will be.—Mr. H. P. Macmillan, K.C.

The Americans are ahead in many things: by instalment buying many have already spent next year's income.—Sir G. Lawson Johnston.

LOST CONTROL OF A MOTOR CAR.

PETTY OFFICER'S STORY OF PRAYA ACCIDENT.

SENT FOR TRIAL.

The case was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, in which Chief Petty Officer W. G. Kelsie, of H.M.S. Titania is charged with manslaughter resulting from the recent fatal motor-car accident in the central waterfront.

His Worship, at the conclusion of the evidence for the Crown, held that a *prima facie* case had been made out against the defendant, who was driving the car at the time of the accident. In reviewing the evidence, His Worship stated that the facts as disclosed were sufficient to establish gross negligence on the part of the defendant.

Mr. Hugh Jones, for the defence, said he proposed to put his client in the box.

In evidence, C.P.O. W. G. Kelsie said he had been 16 years in the British Navy, and was ranked as a first-class engine-room artificer, a position not attained until after 14 years of service.

He had spent the whole of his working life amongst machinery; had been driving a car since 1922, and held a Home driving licence for both bicycles and cars. He had his own car and drove this and others at home until he came out East to join the China Squadron, last year.

Movements Described. Witness then described his movements on the night in question. On coming out again from the house in Kennedy Town, he walked over to the driver of the public car, and asked: "Can drive John?" The driver countered, "Have got licence?" and witness assured him that he had one which was issued in England.

With that, the driver appeared to be satisfied, and spoke something to his folk, who got out of the driver's seat and took one with the stoker who was with witness in the body of the car. Witness pointed to the controls, one by one, then took over the wheel and they drove off.

He had had a few drinks that evening but was perfectly sober. On emerging into the waterfront, in an easterly direction, with the speed at about 25 miles an hour, he saw two or three Chinese on the roadway. He sounded his horn, slipped the clutch and applied the handbrake. He did not experience any difficulty in negotiating these and had just got past the Hui Tak Yarf when a Chinese suddenly appeared in view and started to walk across the road from the sea wall.

Over the Praya.

Witness only noticed the man when the head lights were fully thrown on him. The man did not appear to be aware of the approach of the car, and was walking unconcernedly across the road. Thinking there was less chance of hitting the man by steering in behind him and the sea-wall, witness took this course. He swung the wheel smartly round but the car lost control, swerved round at right angles and went over the edge of the Praya. He lost sight of the man after swinging round, and was sure that he was not hit by any part of the car.

It was not until the proceedings in Court, that he learned that the licensed driver was applying the handbrake at the same time that he (witness) was applying the footbrake. This action, unknown to witness at the time, had the effect of locking the rear wheels of the car and making them skid. Hence the subsequent loss of control which led to the car going over the edge of the seawall.

In the course of his evidence, witness produced his Home driver's licence.

On the manslaughter charge, the accused was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions. The charge of reckless driving was withdrawn by the police, whilst on a count of driving without an appropriate licence, to which defendant pleaded guilty, a fine of \$10 was imposed.

SHOPLIFTER CAUGHT.

ONE MEMBER OF A GANG CONVICTED.

A charge of larceny of a roll of Chinese cloth from No. 301, Shanghai Street, was brought against a Chinese before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

According to the prosecution the defendant together with two others entered the complainant's shop and examined several rolls of cloth. The defendant, who was wearing a long coat, was seen to conceal a roll under his garment and walk out of the shop. He was arrested by a Chinese constable.

It was stated that defendant refused to find the other men.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed, his Worship remarking that the defendant was a member of a gang, who had gone to rob the ship. It was a pre-meditated plan and it was a pity the other two were not standing beside him.

REALTY & TRUST COMPANY.

IMPROVEMENT IN REVENUE REPORTED.

SHAREHOLDERS MEET.

Presiding at the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, at Exchange Building this morning, Mr. J. Scott Marston announced that the profit to be apportioned amounted to \$76,027.66. Revenue from rentals had materially improved and under this heading there would be a gradual increase as leases entered upon provided for rentals upon a graduated scale.

Chairman's Speech.

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—As the report and accounts have been in your hands for several days, I will, with your permission, treat the same as read.

The report of the auditors is as follows:—"We report that we have audited the above balance sheet with the books and vouchers of the Company and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at the 31st December, 1927, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of the Company.—Linstead & Davis, Chartered Accountants, Auditors.—Hongkong, 31st March, 1928."

The last statement of accounts presented to you was in respect of the year from 1st July, 1926, to 30th June, 1927, but the Directors have considered it advisable in the present instance to present to you a statement of accounts covering a period of six months so that hereafter, subject to your approval, the accounts of the Company may be closed on the more convenient date of 31st December in each year.

I think that the balance sheet and accounts as presented, taken in conjunction with the amplifying remarks thereon appearing in the Directors' report, show comprehensively the financial position of the Company as on the 31st December, 1927, and in these circumstances there is no need for me to enter into detailed explanation in connexion therewith.

Profit Apportioned.

The profit for the period under review including the sum of \$8,777.84 brought forward from 30th June, 1927, and after setting aside \$8,584.09 for depreciation amounts to \$76,027.66, which amount your Board recommends be apportioned as follows:—Transfer to General Reserve, \$50,000; carry forward to a new account, \$26,027.66; total \$76,027.66. I trust that this allocation, which for the purpose of elucidation has been incorporated in the accounts, will meet with your approval.

From a perusal of the report, you will observe that the sum of \$200,000 was retired from the mortgage indebtedness of the Company on the 31st December, 1927, and a further \$50,000 has since been paid off, leaving the balance under this heading at five lakhs; in this connexion arrangements have been effected with the Company's bankers whereby this mortgage will be retired on the 30th April, 1928, and carried as an overdraw with the bank—thus reducing the rate of interest payable thereon.

During the period under review the Company's office premises have been fully occupied, as also have been the residential properties at Repulse Bay, and I am pleased to say that our rental revenue has materially improved, and that there will gradually be an increase under this heading, as the leases entered into provide for rentals upon a graduated scale.

Architects' Agreement.

The volume of business placed under the supervision of our architectural department has been as satisfactory as could have been expected in the circumstances of the prevailing conditions in the Colony, but your Board decided, that having regard to the fact that the contracts in respect of our own constructional work had drawn to a close, it would be prudent to separate the business of this department from the Company's other activities—particularly as the success of an architectural practice can be developed only by efforts of a personal nature—and an agreement was accordingly entered into, as a result of which Mr. G. W. Grey and Mr. J. Bentley Hawker took over the business of this department as from the 1st instant on terms which were satisfactory to your Company. This Company will, therefore, place its work of an architectural nature

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STRAITS RUBBER DISMAY.

MARKET TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

INTERIM PERIOD IS STRONGLY RESENTED.

HOPE FROM DEBATE.

Singapore, Apr. 6. The effect of the restriction announcement in Singapore can only be likened to that of a bomb-shell. Everywhere people are discussing the decision and its consequences for Malaya, and every office with rubber estate connections is considering the action to be taken to meet what is likely to be as serious and prolonged a slump as that experienced in 1921.

The rubber market is described as demoralised. It opened this morning at about 14 cents below yesterday's price of 48 cents, but steadied slightly later. The share market is nervous and uncertain, and speculative shares have dropped between thirty and forty cents. There is a feeling that a steady tendency will be felt soon, as yesterday's sensational slump was the result of an immediate reaction to the Prime Minister's announcement rather than a considered judgment upon it.

Little Speculation.

Share and rubber brokers state that there has been very little speculation upon this announcement. The legitimate trade has considered it much too uncertain a matter to touch, and the number of private speculators has been small. There are stories floating around the Arcade of transactions involving over a hundred tons of rubber made yesterday, in anticipation of a fall to-day, but the general impression is that there have been no fortunes made or lost during the last few days.

Inquiries among Chinese business men showed that the decision is gravely regarded by their community. Business conditions up to yesterday were described as fair, though not good, but the outlook is now serious. In particular, the rubber milling industry on Singapore island has not been prosperous during recent months, and a number of local factories are known to be running on short time.

Nobody Pleased.

The reaction in Singapore to the Prime Minister's decision has been one of general astonishment and dismay. So far as can be ascertained from inquiries in different quarters, representing both sides of the restriction controversy, the manner in which the British Government has decided to remove restriction satisfies nobody. The anti-restrictionists expected immediate abolition; the pro-restrictionists expected either modification of the scheme or very gradual withdrawal.

Instead, the scheme will be dropped altogether at the end of a period of six months, during which estates will be kept at sixty per cent. standard production, and there is very general resentment at this decision.

Whatever optimism can be discovered locally is centred upon the

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"This museum job would be all right if a feller could sit down once in a while."

CHOLERA CASES ON STEAMER.

O.S.K. BOAT COMPELLED TO PUT BACK.

SEVEN DEATHS.

Singapore, Apr. 3. Virulent cholera has broken out on board the O.S.K. steamer Hawaii Maru, which left Singapore for South Africa last Sunday with 780 Japanese immigrants on board, according to wireless messages received in the port yesterday and today.

The latest information is that six deaths have occurred among the passengers, and that there are nine other cases, of which only one is serious.

The Hawaii Maru has turned back, and is expected to arrive in port about midday, when she will proceed to the quarantine station. A Straits Times representative was informed at the O.S.K. office this morning that there were nine first-class passengers on board, including two Europeans, Mrs. L. Salter and W. W. Spaid, who booked passages from Singapore to Durban. One of the first class passengers is known to be among the cases, but is said not to be seriously ill.

The third class passengers were Japanese immigrants bound for South America, to which country the Hawaii Maru was proceeding after calling at South African ports. The officers and crew are said to be safe.

It is thought locally that the infection must have been caught at Saigon, which has been declared an infected port since the Hawaii Maru left there last week.

Singapore, Apr. 4. When the O.S.K. steamer Hawaii Maru arrived at St. John's quarantine station yesterday, having put back from her voyage to South Africa and South America after cholera had broken out on board, seven deaths from the disease and eleven other cases were reported.

The patients were immediately sent to hospital on St. John's Island, and the 780 third-class passengers—Japanese immigrants bound for South America—will be quarantined there for the prescribed number of days.

One of the first-class passengers, a Portuguese lady, was taken ill, but not seriously, and a twelfth case is reported to have occurred this morning.

One Japanese woman whose life is despaired of is the mother of four children who are on board.

DUMPED OVERBOARD.

DYNAMITE FOUND ON A TRADING JUNK.

The master of a trading junk was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, with having on board his boat 400 sticks of dynamite, 240 detonators, and three coils of fuse without a permit.

The defendant admitted that the goods were on his junk but said that they had been left there by somebody.

Sergeant Morton, who made the arrest, intimated that the defendant, who was accosted by a police launch at Shamshuipo, had dumped the dynamite overboard. His Worship imposed a fine of \$100.

SEIZURE FOUND INFORMAL.

GOODS SOLD AFTER ISSUE OF EXECUTION.

SUCCESSFUL CLAIM.

In the Summary Court this morning Mr. Justice Wood delivered judgment for the claimant in the case arising out of the sale of goods for the enforcement of a warrant of execution to satisfy a judgment.

In the original action the Kwan Ying Company, 52 Woosung Street, Yau-mat, sued the Shun Wo Scaffolding Company, 10, Fuk Tann Heung Street, Shamshuipo, in respect of a certain amount of money. The action was heard by Mr. Justice Wood who gave judgment for the plaintiffs. Execution was issued as a result of which certain goods were sold which were the subject of the present action, it being claimed that the goods did not belong to the Shun Wo Company but to Pang Tak-sau.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson appeared for Pang Tak-sau, the claimant while Mr. Hin-Shing Lo was for the judgment creditor Kwan Ying and Chan Lam, a partner.

The claimant alleged that he had bought the goods, which were bamboo scaffolding poles, from the Shun Wo before the warrant of execution, and the bailiff had wrongfully seized poles which did not belong to the Shun Wo.

The Kwan Ying denied any such sale.

The proceeds of the sale, \$750 was paid into court. When the case was heard His Lordship expressed doubt as to the Court's jurisdiction in the matter but recorded the fact he found that the money in Court was a part of the proceeds of the sale of the claimant's goods. He adjourned the case *sine die* with liberty to either side to apply for the case to be further heard.

Court Has Jurisdiction.

Giving judgment His Lordship said he had come to the conclusion that the seizure of the scaffolding poles by Mr. J. Whitshire on January 4 was informal. His Lordship held that it was an invalid procedure and he had decided that the seizure was under the process of execution and that in consequence he had jurisdiction under the section of the Summary Jurisdiction Ordinance under which the proceedings were brought. That was section 25, and he proposed to give effect to the view expressed at the hearing and give judgment on the issue for the claimant with costs and order the money to be paid out to him.

Mr. Hin-Shing Lo said his clients had only submitted to his Lordship's jurisdiction as arbitrator and they felt that they had been brought in wrongfully.

His Lordship remarked that counsel had better appeal and asked how long a stay was wanted.

Counsel said he would like a fortnight and asked whether his Lordship was going to deliver a written judgment.

His Lordship replied that he did not intend to give any further judgment.

FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.

SIX SHARE PRIZE THIS WEEK.

Owing to many unexpected results in last week's Home football matches, the forecasts of the competitors in our Football Competition were badly upset. No claim for higher than eight correct forecasts was received, and the following six competitors, all of whom succeeded in forecasting eight correctly on one coupon, share the prize money of \$25.00:

- S. Khan, Harbour Office.
- Pte. D. Shanks, 2nd. K.O.S. Borderers.
- J. Santos, 31, Waterloo Rd., Kowloon.
- Miss R. Castille, 38D, Robinson Road.
- Mrs. R. A. Roberts, 9 E Block, Victoria Barracks.
- M. Friend, Victoria Gaol.

We shall be pleased to hand each of the above \$4.20 if they will kindly call at this office.

The oldest letter in the world will be on show at the Exhibition of Antiques, which the British Antique Dealers' Association is holding in the Grafton Galleries next month.

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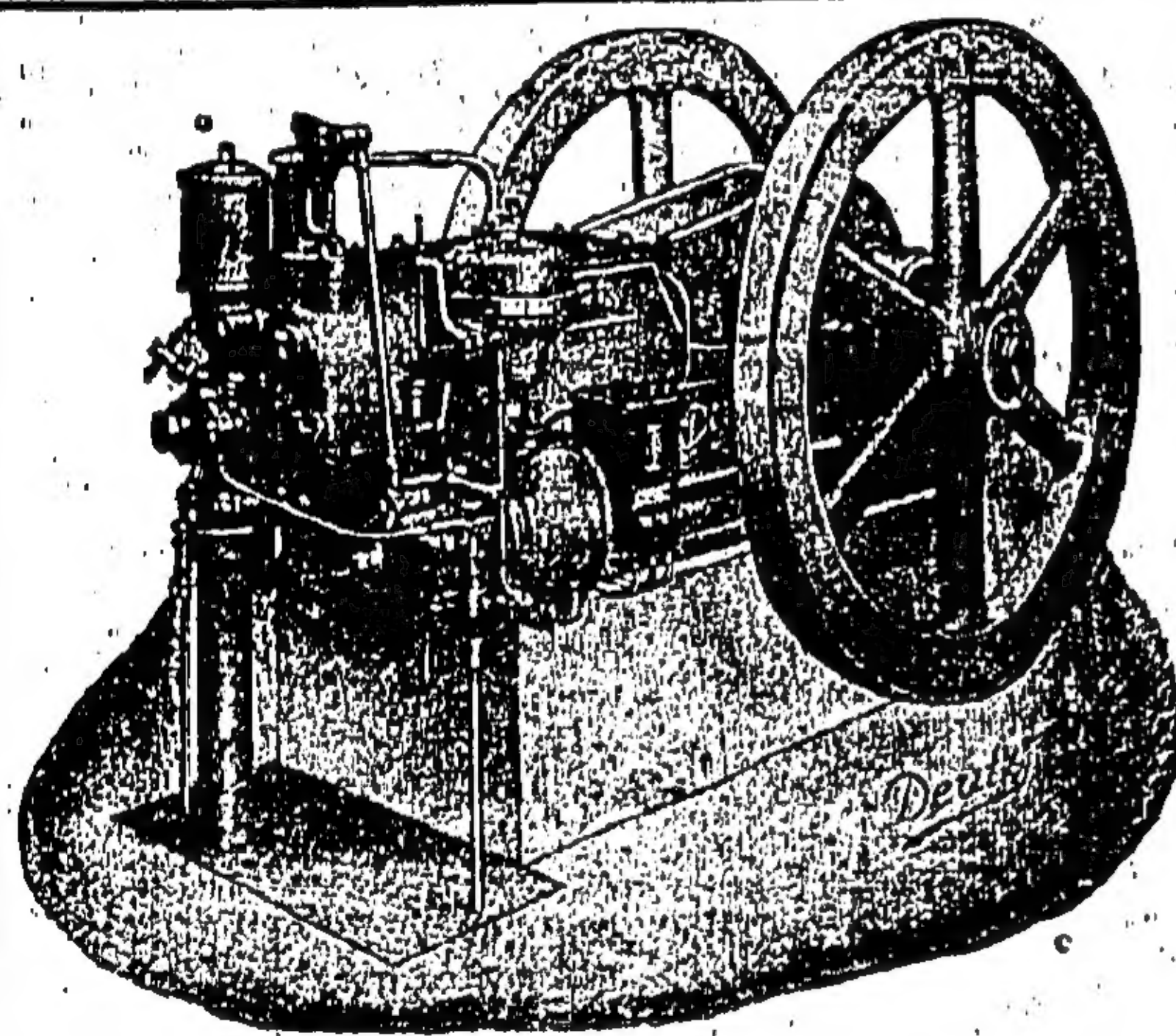
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THE MACAO RACES.

PROSPECTS OF SUNDAY'S MEETING.

[By "Rambler."]]

Everything is in readiness for the next meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club, which will take place at Macao next Sunday.

The programme is an interesting one and comprises eight races. There are 26 entries for the first race, 15 for the second, 27 for the third, 17 for the fourth, 21 for the fifth, 22 for the sixth, 17 for the seventh, and 63 for the eighth.

Altogether there are 19 ponies from Hongkong and although they do not represent our cracks, some of them may be depended upon to score at the meeting.

The fast and comfortable a.s. Taishan will leave the Hongkong Wharf at 8.30 a.m. and I would impress upon my readers the importance of booking their accommodation early as, there is sure to be a record booking for this trip. Training, although not over fast, should be sufficient to give supporters an indication of the possible chances of the ponies, and providing they run to form there should be no doubt about the ultimate result.

The grass course is in excellent condition at the moment, which with the advent of the Hongkong ponies should tend to enable the contestants to improve upon existing records.

Punters may possibly glean a little knowledge by a careful perusal of the following times which I have just received:

Ma Kau Siac.—1 1/4; 37.3; 1.13; 1.46.4; 2.19.2; 2.51.2; 1.4; 32.

Zircon.—1 1/4; 40; 1.15.4; 1.50.2; 2.24.2; 3.00; 1.4; 35.3.

Aristophanes.—1; 44; 1.24; 2.07; 2.38; 1.4; 31.

Wild Fellow.—1; 37.3; 1.12.2; 1.47.1; 2.19.4; 1.4; 32.3.

Wuchang.—1 1/4; 34; 1.09; 1.40.2; 1.4; 31.2.

Branco.—1; 36; 1.11; 1.45; 2.18.2; 1.4; 33.2.

Ullawater.—1 1/4; 42; 1.18.3; 1.54; 2.28.2; 3.00; 1.4; 31.3.

Ching Hol.—1; 39.2; 1.16; 1.15.3; 2.25; 1.4; 33.2.

Fair Eyes.—1 1/4; 41; 1.15; 1.47.2; 1.4; 32.2.

Benhur.—1 1/4; 42; 1.19.2; 1.53; 1.4; 33.2.

Veloz.—1; 37.3; 1.14; 1.50; 2.23; 1.4; 33.

Silver Mine.—1 1/4; 41.2; 1.22; 1.59.3; 2.34; 3.07; 1.4; 33.

Gold Mine.—1 1/4; 40; 1.14.2; 1.54; 2.31.2; 3.05.4; 3.39.2; 1.4; 33.3.

Grey Eyes.—1 1/4; 34; 1.06; 1.4; 32.

Lucky Star.—1 1/4; 38.2; 1.15.2; 1.47.2; 1.4; 32.

Tap Siac.—1 1/4; 39.3; 1.13; 1.46.2; 1.4; 33.2.

Pook Shau.—1; 37; 1.12.3; 1.50; 2.22.3; 1.4; 32.3.

Kwong Chaw.—1 1/4; 38.2; 1.15.2; 1.47.2; 1.4; 32.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE.

ANNUAL SPORTS ON SUNDAY.

The Sacred Heart College will hold their fourth annual athletic sports meeting on the Club de Recreio Ground on Sunday.

There will be 39 events in all and the special features of which are the 50 yards ladies' race open to the Colony, the half-mile race open to the Colony, the 440 yards race open to the Navy, several other events open to the Members of the Catholic Young Men's Society and the 220 old boys' race.

Many handsome prizes have been donated to the College and are now exhibited at the Sincere Co. (Yeumati).

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL CONTEST LAST NIGHT.

In the billiard contest at the Palace Hotel last night W. Ogley lost to F. Jones, the scores being 250 and 101.

F. Jones made the following breaks: 65, 47, 43, 41, 37, 31, 30, 22, 19, and 17. Mr. Ogley made the following: 23, 19, 14 twice, 13 and 11. To-night's game will be between S. E. Silva and T. P. Lloyd and will begin at nine o'clock.

LAWN TENNIS.

FINCHER BROTHERS BEATEN AFTER GOOD TUSSELE.

The feature of yesterday's tennis matches on the H.K.C.C. ground was the defeat of Fincher brothers at the hands of H. R. B. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham, by three sets to one, in the third round of the Colony's Open Doubles Championship.

The elder couple played a much more patient game than the Finchers, who at times were inclined to be too enterprising. Of the winning pair, Hancock was in great form, his powerful play from base line often turning the tables on their opponents.

Opening steadily the Finchers obtained the first game and then conceded the next. They proceeded in this way until 3-3 was called when wild playing on the part of E. F. Fincher permitted Hancock and Tottenham to break through and win the first set of 6-3.

In the second set, Hancock and Tottenham appeared to have things pretty much their own way, when the Finchers, after being down 3-0, began to change their tactics and forced the pace. They won the fourth game and did not concede three sets until they had captured three more games.

The third set saw the Finchers on the aggressive and visits to the net were frequent. They captured the set at 6-1, but it must not be inferred from the score that they showed such overwhelming superiority. In fact on no fewer than nine occasions "deuce" was called.

The fourth set proved extremely exciting and although Hancock and Tottenham were standing at 3-0 at the commencement, the Finchers secured four of the next five games, bringing the score to 4-4. They were level also at 5-5 and 6-6. Then Hancock and his partner took the lead at 7-6 and were within one point of winning when Tottenham erred in an effort to smash. The Finchers equalized and in turn led at 8-7. The pairs each won their service game until 9-9 was called when the pace began to tell on the Finchers and they lost the next two games.

In the Club Championship S. E. Green has gone a further stage in the elimination by defeating G. W. Sewell in four sets. Mr. and Mrs. Sayer advanced in the Mixed Doubles by defeating A. H. Crook and Miss Wentworth, and in the Handicap Singles T. G. Bennett (rec. 1/6) beat C. H. Bradley (minus 1/6).

The Results.

Yesterday's results were as under: Open Doubles Championship: H. R. B. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham beat E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 11-9.

Club Championship: S. E. Green beat G. W. Sewell 6-2, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4. Handicap Singles: "B" T. G. Bennett (plus 1/6) beat C. H. Bradley (minus 1/6), 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Mixed Doubles: G. R. and Mrs. Sayer (plus 3/6) beat A. H. Crook and Miss Wentworth (scr.) 6-2, 6-3.

PORTUGUESE BEATEN.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL MATCH.

The last of a series of matches arranged with the Portuguese Interport team was played yesterday, the Portuguese meeting the rest of the Colony. Gosano kicked off and within two minutes the Rest had a lead of two goals. Howarth raced up and beat Rangel with a shot from a pass by Kernick and shortly after Bishop sent the ball in from a centre by Ogley.

There was no further scoring in the first half, but on the resumption the Rest got away and Gosano was almost through when Clarke picked up and cleared. The Portuguese did very well in the second half but they found the defence of the Rest very safe. Half way through the second half Howarth scored another good goal, giving the Rest a lead of three goals. There was no further scoring.

Kowloon Tennis for To-morrow.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon first eleven in their match with China Athletic on Saturday at the Kowloon ground, kick off 5 p.m.—Angus Wheeler and Dedshon Hedley, Sims and McKelvie; Reed, Tiernan, Kornick, Muir and Miles.

The following will represent the second eleven against the R.A.F. (Kai Tak), on Saturday on the Kowloon ground at 8 o'clock—Slippers; Coward and Guest; Roberts, Coates and Dunnett; Pile, Twelves, Vickars, Eastman and Blacklock.

FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.

"TELEGRAPH" OFFERS PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, April 14th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on April 14th:

DIVISION I.
Arsenal v Huddersfield.
Sheffield U. v Everton.
Sunderland v Blackburn.

DIVISION II.
Fulham v Oldham.
South Shields v Chelsea.
Wolves v Reading.

DIVISION III.
Q. P. R. v Northants.
Watford v Southend.
Doncaster v Stockport.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
Aberdeen v Cowdenbeath.
Dundee v Rangers.
Rath v Hibernians.

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LOCAL CRICKET.

HONGKONG C. C. TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

The Hongkong Cricket Club 1st eleven will be represented by the following against the Army at the Hongkong Cricket Club's ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m.—E. J. R. Mitchell, H. V. Parker, G. R. Vallack, C. D. Wales, A. W. Hayward, K. H. Batger, E. R. Duckitt, H. Owen Hughes, T. E. Pearce, H. R. B. Hancock, A. Reid.

The Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd team against the Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI at Kowloon on Saturday at 2 p.m. will be: S. J. Jordan, W. K. Tait, P. S. Thomson, A. Penn, L. M. S. Lloyd, W. Brackenridge, E. R. West, J. E. Hancock, L. A. R. Duncane, C. P. James, G. W. Sewell, I.L.C. "B" v Kowloon C.C.

The following have been selected to represent the Indian R. C. "B" in the above League match on Saturday at Sookunpoo Valley.—M. P. Madar (Captain), R. Nazarin, Sirdar Khan, A. K. Ismail, A. M. Ramjahn, A. Butt, D. Mohamed, A. Rahim, U. T. Thad, I. Hassan and M. R. Abbas. Reserve: E. M. K. Malubhoj.

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupon, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

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Aberdeen v Cowdenbeath.
Dundee v Rangers.
Rath v Hibernians.

FANLING GOLF.

RESULTS OF THE EASTER MEETING.

E. W. Kirk won the Shanghai Visitors Cup at the Fanling Easter meeting, with a nett score of 140. His rounds were as follows: 84+85=170—24=146. Other scores were: S. A. Arthur 88+92=180—28=152; L. G. S. Dowell 82+81=163—10=153; D. G. Bruce 90+82=172—18=154; K. G. Ewart 97+90=187—32=155.

The best single round was by E. W. Kirk 84=12=72; and the next by D. G. Bruce 82=9=73.

There were 40 entries.

Bogey Pool.

H. Spicer and E. W. Kirk, 2 up, tied in the Bogey Pool and divided the prize. Other returns were: R. M. Finlayson, L. R. Andrews and D. G. Bruce, 1 up; A. H. Mussen and I. Newton, all square.

There were 100 entries.

Medal Round.

The Medal Round was won by A. H. Mussen with a score of 83=15=68; D. G. Bruce being second with 80=9=71. Other scores: H. Spicer, 90=18=72; K. G. Ewart 90=16=74.

Fourballs Against Bogey.

Sixteen pairs entered for the Fourballs Against Bogey, the winners being T. K. W. Atkinson and N. G. Mills, with a score of 6 up. Other results were: R. K. Valentino and L. G. Dodwell, 4 up; F. G. de Gros and I. Newton 3 up.

Mixed Foursomes.

Eighteen pairs competed in the Mixed Foursomes, won by Mrs. J. Fleming and R. Young with a score of 80=10=76. Other scores: Major and Mrs. W. G. Stevenson, 91=13=78; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sherry 97=13=79.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR OIL CONCESSION.

Tokyo, Apr. 12. The preliminary conversations with the Soviet which are now taking place in Tokyo in connection with the new oil concession in North Saghalien are reported to be highly satisfactory.

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"It's so pretty—all of it," Sally sighed blissfully. "You wouldn't think, just to look at a farm, that it makes people mean and cross and

answered, fright creeping back into her voice. "But I'm going to do it anyway. I'd rather die than go back to the orphanage for two more years. You don't know what it's like," she added with sudden vehemence, and a sob-catch in her throat.

"Tell me, Sally," David urged gently.

And Sally told him—in short, gasping sentences, roughened sometimes by tears—of the life of orphaned girls.

"Come out of that corn!" A loud, harsh voice cut across David's low-spoken speech, making them spring guiltily apart. "I ain't goin' to stand for no such goings-on on my farm!"

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CAPT. R. INNES.

PRESENTATION TO DEPARTING SUPERINTENDENT.

Captain R. Innes, for many years the Marine Superintendent of the China Navigation Company was the recipient of a parting gift yesterday afternoon, at the office of the Company when the staff gathered to do honour to a friend and helper.

Among those present were Mr. N. S. Brown, Mr. J. H. Little, Mr. J. B. Danby, Captains Mills (Tahiti), Lowery (Kaitang), Robertson (Sunning), Potter (Lachow), Johnston (King Yung), and other officers of the C.N.C. fleet in harbour.

Mr. N. S. Brown in making the presentation of a silver cigar box from the Talook staff and a wrist watch from the Talook Office Staff, a gold watch and chain from the captains and officers of the fleet and a black-wood loss table and tray to Mr. Innes from the same source, recalled the outstanding incidents of Captain Innes' service. He had joined the Company's service in 1880 as Chief Officer of s.s. Whampoa in Melbourne and subsequently became master of s.s. Chengtu in 1892, which post he retained until 1896, when he was appointed Marine Superintendent in Hongkong, a post he had retained to date. After 40 years' service, Captain Innes could look back on a career which was certainly active. He had seen great changes, and from the tea clippers, he had seen the fleet grow to modern steamships, and during the whole time he had carried out his duties with the approval of all who were under him, and those whom he served.

Captain Mills, as the oldest servant of the C.N.C., made his tribute to the good feeling which prevailed between the retiring Marine Superintendent and the officers of the fleet. He said that the retiring Superintendent was the last of a long line of shipmasters who had made history sailing to the East, and looking back, he found that there had been some or other member of the family engaged in the business for the past 300 years. As his forebears, Captain Innes was held in universal esteem and the speaker called upon the company present to drink to the health of the retiring officer. Toasts were then drunk.

Captain Innes responding, said that he was unable to find words adequate to the occasion, and in the receipt of the gifts, he was reminded only of the happy relationship that had existed between officers of the fleet and himself. There had been many changes since he had first taken over the job, which, he might say, he had studied from manhood to keel, but the outstanding feature was the introduction of ladies into the office. They were an acquisition.

He regretted that he had to say goodbye, for he thought and hoped that conditions in China would change in the near future. As to the floating staff, he had always tried to treat them as men to man. There were always two sides to a question and he was in a peculiar position, for decisions did not always suit the shipmaster. He said goodbye with great regret, and hoped that continued and increasing good luck and prosperity would follow all his friends in China.

SOVIET BUDGET.

MATERIAL INCREASE FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE.

Moscow, Apr. 12.
At the plenary sitting of the executives of the communist party, M. Briukhanoff, Commissar of Finance, in submitting the budget estimated that the revenue for the current year would be 6,335,000,000 roubles as compared and 6,200,000,000 last year, and the expenditure 5,983,000,000. National defence accounts for 742,000,000 as compared with 634,000,000. M. Briukhanoff ascribed the increase to the strained international situation.—Reuter.

PRINTER ARRESTED.

CHARGE NOT PROVED.

Allegations of posing as a police constable and attempting to steal a gold watch chain from a Chinese clerk brought against a printer of the Hongkong Amusements before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, were unsubstantiated by the prosecution and the defendant was discharged.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the defence, Inspector Fallon prosecuting.

The complainant alleged that he was stopped by the defendant in Pitt Street on the evening of March 27 and the latter, assuming the pose of a police constable, asked the complainant to be searched. During the search the defendant was alleged to have snatched the complainant's chain. He was chased and arrested by a Shantung constable.

The defence was an absolute denial of the allegations of the complainant, the defendant claiming that after he had gone to a tenhouse to collect a debt from a waitress on behalf of a friend, the complainant with two others accosted him and accused him of

JAPANESE NAVAL VISIT.

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your goodwill and friendliness, which I assure you, will be highly appreciated and wholeheartedly reciprocated by our home people. (Applause). In coming to a close, I express our sincere wish that Hongkong will enjoy prosperity for all time to come and play to the full the important role she has played in the past for the peace and welfare of the Far East, and that health and happiness will always be to her citizens.

attempting to extort money from the waitress. He was assaulted and ran away.

After hearing the evidence his Worship said that the stories of both parties were doubtful. However, it was not likely that the defendant would have approached a man like the complainant and posed as a constable. The defendant was discharged.

The defendant, who had been employed with the Hongkong Amusements for about 18 months, was given a good character by Mr. R. K. Butler, assistant manager of the Hongkong Amusements Ltd.

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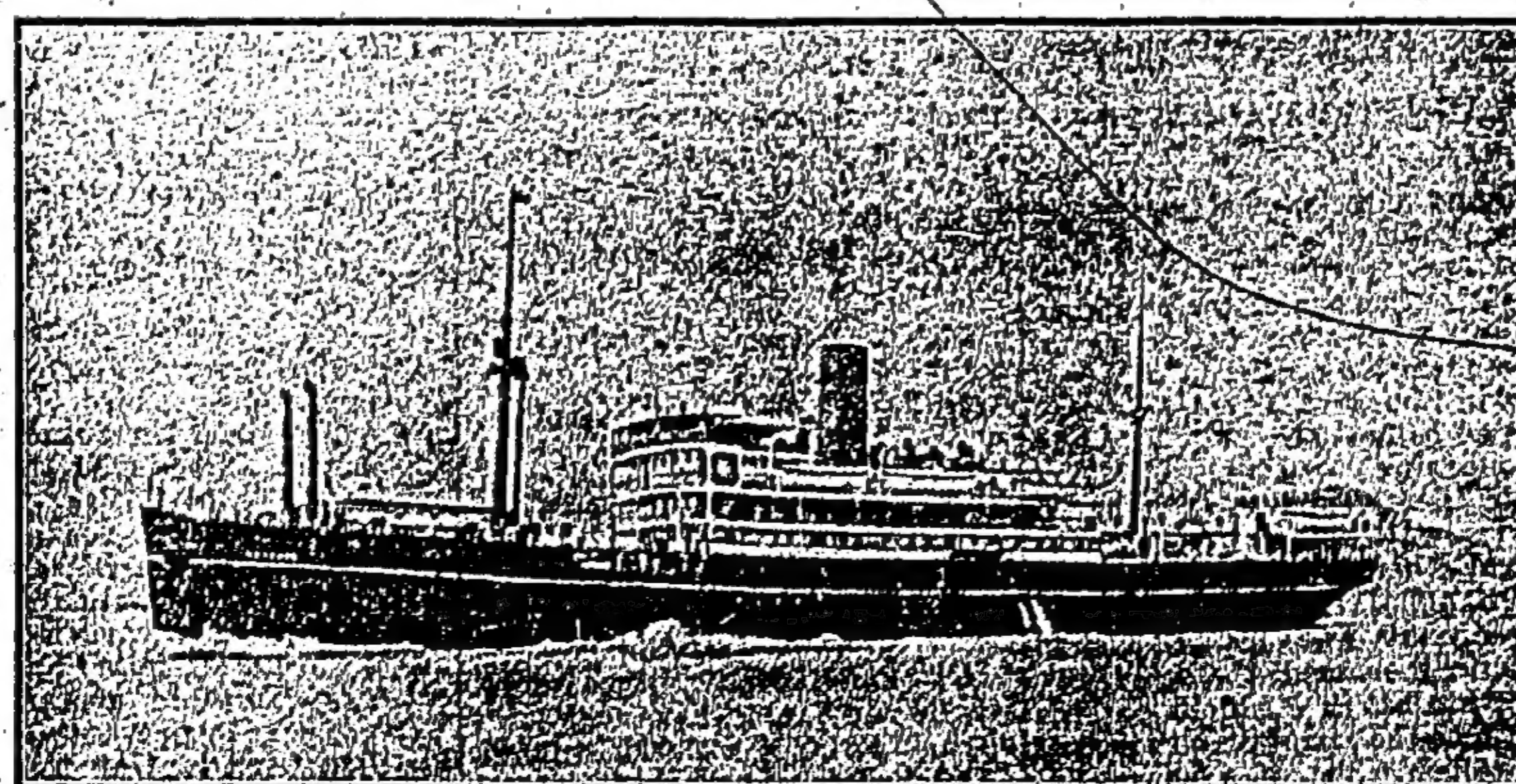
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LAHORE	5,252	7th May.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May.	Marseilles & L'don & A'werp
KIDDERFORD	5,334	22nd May.	Straits, Obo B'ay, & Karachi
MALWA	10,986	26th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
ALIPORE	5,273	31st May.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June.	Marseilles, London & Hull
DELTA	8,097	9th June.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
INOVARA	6,989	16th June.	Marseilles & London
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	7th July.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
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KIDDERFORD	5,334	20th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
HATIPARA	7,764	25th Apr.	Moji, Kobe, & Osaka
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
TALMA	10,000	3rd May.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ALIPORE	5,273	3rd May.	Moji & Kobe
TAKLIWA	7,936	7th May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok.
INOVARA	6,989	8th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok.
TANDA	6,656	8th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok.
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Osaka
DELTA	8,087	11th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
RANPURA	10,601	25th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yok.
INANKIN	7,058	5th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok.
KHYBER	9,114	8th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
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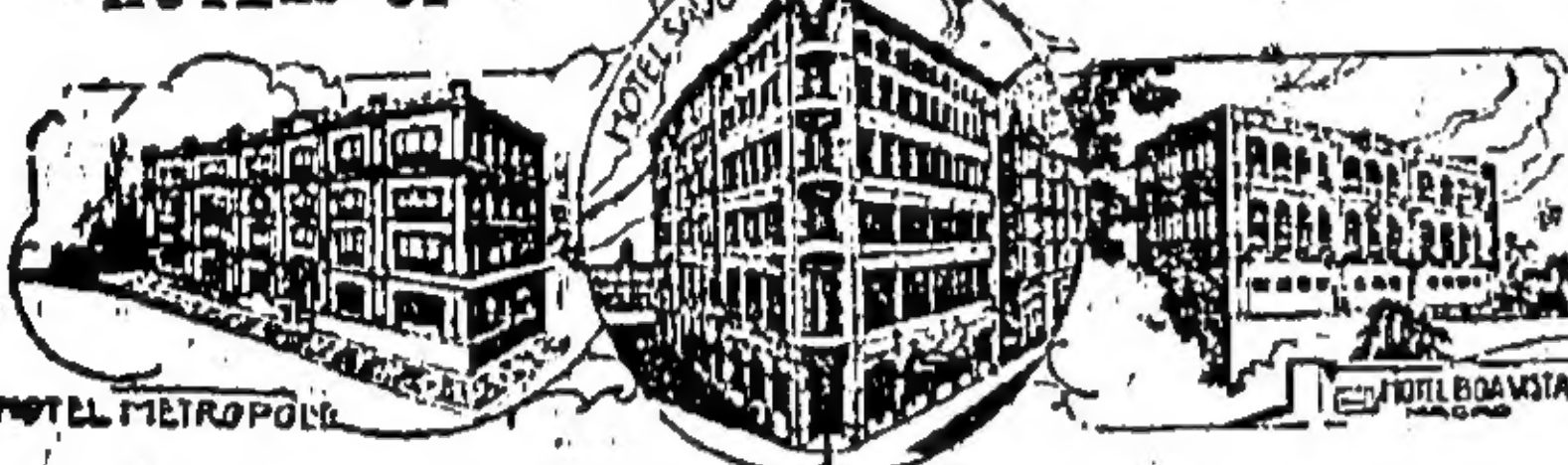
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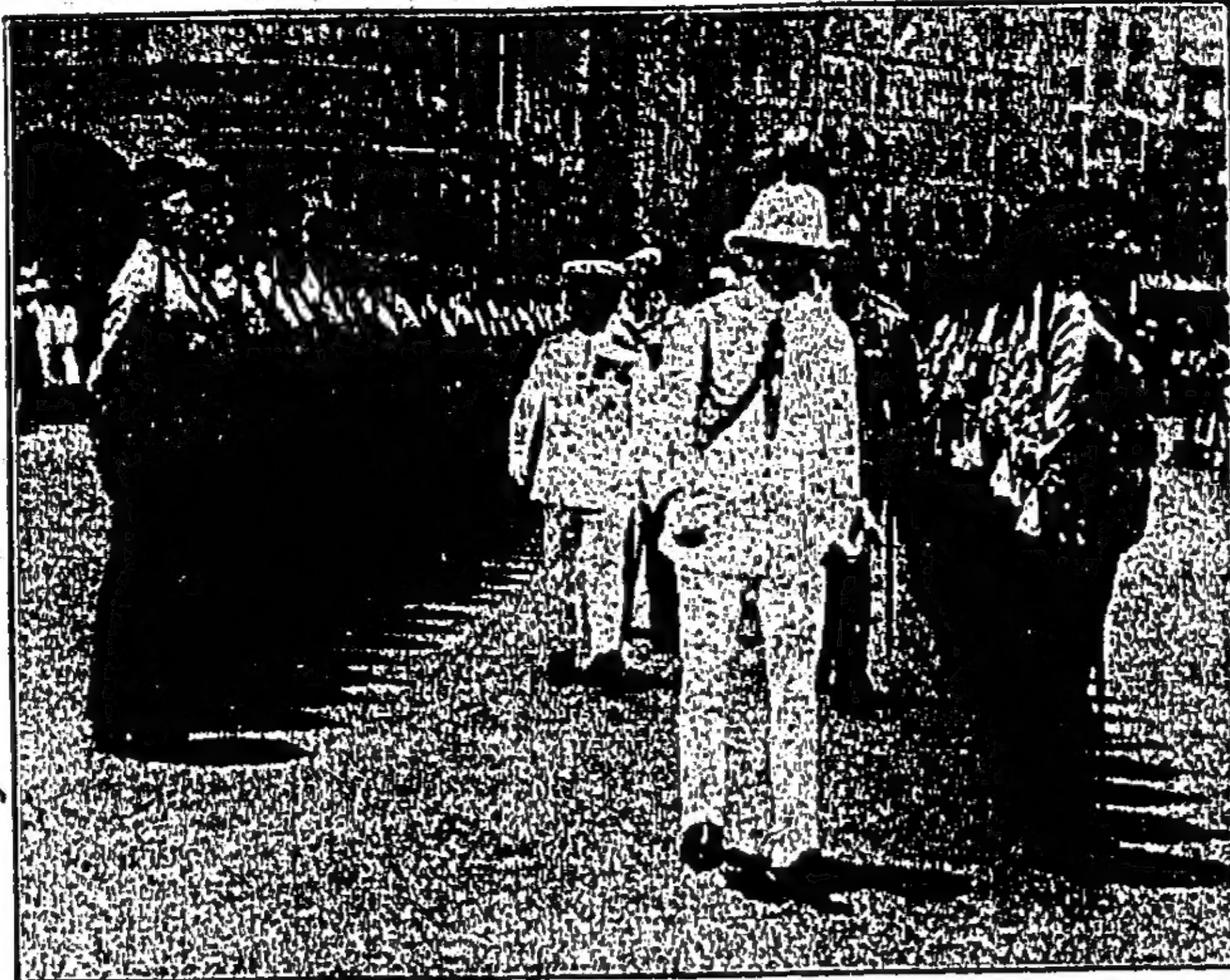
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Photographs taken on Monday, on the occasion of the official landing of Admiral Kato. Above, the Admiral inspecting the guard of honour; and, below, the Pipe Band of the K.O.S.B. (Photos: Ming Yuen and Mee Cheung).

SPURIOUS COINS.

TRAMWAY EMPLOYEE SENT
TO PRISON.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was passed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning on an employee of the Hongkong Tramways, Limited, who was found in possession of thirty-seven spurious ten-cent pieces.

According to evidence given by a Tramway Inspector, it appears that the defendant went on duty at 6.40 a.m. and at 10.10 p.m. when his satchel was searched, it was found that a number of coins had been put aside, which the Inspector at once saw were counterfeit. Continuing, the Inspector said that on being discovered, the defendant begged to be allowed to go, but instead of complying, the Inspector took him to the No. 2 Police Station.

The coins were examined by the Magistrate, who expressed the opinion that they were very good fakes.

The Inspector, however, pointed out that the colour was entirely different from genuine coins and added that he could easily tell the difference.

The defendant claimed that he collected the money in the course of his duties and when he detected the faked coins he set them aside in his satchel. He had no intention of passing the coins.

An official of the Tramway Company who was in Court told his Worship that the defendant had been in the Company's employ since June last year. Cases of the present kind were very scarce, the last case being about six months ago.

ONE MEMBER LESS.

YAUMATI PICKPOCKET
CAUGHT.

A gang of pickpockets operating in the Yaumati and Mongkok districts was partly broken up on Tuesday when one of their number was arrested after extracting a purse from the pocket of a pedestrian in Shanghai Street. He was charged before Mr. W. Schofield this morning.

The defendant was seen by a district watchman together with several others in a crowd of people in Shanghai Street. While the complainant was being pushed about in the crowd, the defendant, using his hat as a shield, put his hand into the complainant's pocket and relieved him of a purse containing ten cents and some papers.

After the defendant's arrest, investigations were made by the Police but the others could not be located, although one man was detained and later released.

The defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour by his Worship.

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MANAGES TO ESCAPE.

Kiuksang, Apr. 1.

Father Rouchon, when travelling recently from village to village, was seized by bandits near Hukow, 15 miles from Kiuksang.

He was captured about 9 a.m. and stripped and his servant was sent away to raise \$1,000 ransom before nightfall. As the money had not arrived when darkness fell, the bandits with many threats proceeded to move the Father up to the mountains.

However, the night was so dark and the going so bad that after a few hours they had only covered a few li. So the bandits decided to return to the village where the capture had been effected to await the dawn.

Meanwhile the messenger sent for the money warned all the villages and farms he passed of the presence of the bandits. Now the farmers had a grudge of their own against these particular bandits and at daybreak a body of irate farmers marched on the village where the bandits were said to be detaining Father Rouchon.

For a few minutes the situation looked very unpleasant for the Father, but he was eventually able to slip away while the farmers held the bandits' attention. The bandits later retired unarmed to the mountains as the farmers did not dare to attack them without arms. It appears that though appealed to for assistance, the local Chinese authorities took no steps whatever to effect the release of the Father and it is probably due to the providential help of the farmers that he owes his life.—N. C. Daily News.

BIG SAXON LOCKOUT.

QUARTER OF A MILLION MEN
INVOLVED.

Berlin, Apr. 13.

A quarter of a million metal workers in Saxony have been locked out owing to 20,000 striking. Official efforts are being made to settle the dispute.—Reuter.

[The 20,000 metal workers downed tools early this month, bringing a number of workshops to a standstill. It was stated in a previous message that Saxon industrialists were to meet to consider the question of imposing a lock-out on all the metal workers.]

REALTY AND TRUST
COMPANY.

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with the firm in question—with which arrangement our clientele are in complete agreement.

There being no further matters calling for particular comment, I now beg to formally propose that the report and accounts for the financial year ending 31st December, 1927, as presented, be adopted, and that the appropriations recommended by the Directors be confirmed, and I shall be much obliged if some shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the report and accounts may be raised.

Business Matters.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. W. J. Hawker and was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. E. van Eps proposed that the appointments of Mr. L. Dunbar and Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., to the Board be confirmed and that Mr. P. K. Kwok and Mr. John Fleming be re-elected Directors.

Mr. A. W. Smith seconded and the proposition was carried unanimously.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$500 on the proposal of Mr. P. H. Suckling, seconded by Mr. R. Soenderam.

Directors present in addition to the chairman were the Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. P. K. Kwok, Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., C.L.H., Mr. John Fleming, and Mr. J. H. Taggart (managing director). Also Mr. C. F. V. Ribeiro, (acting secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. W. J. Hawker, P. H. Suckling, A. W. Smith, R. Soenderam and W. E. van Eps. The total shares represented was 56,475.

BOMB HIDDEN IN
LAMP-POST.

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All lamp standards have a small opening about a yard from the ground, used for the inspection of cables. It is believed that the criminals, disguised as workmen pretending to effect repairs, comfortably placed the bomb at the base of the lamp standard.

The outrage is variously attributed to anti-Fascists and anarchists. Elaborate measures are being taken to prevent excitable Fascists from venting their rage on supposed criminals.—Reuter.

Defence Commission.

Rome, Apr. 13.

The Tribunal for National Defence has sent a Commission to Milan, headed by General Bolzano, the Army Advocate General, and Colonel Marconi, chief of the Information Section of the Tribunal.—Reuter.

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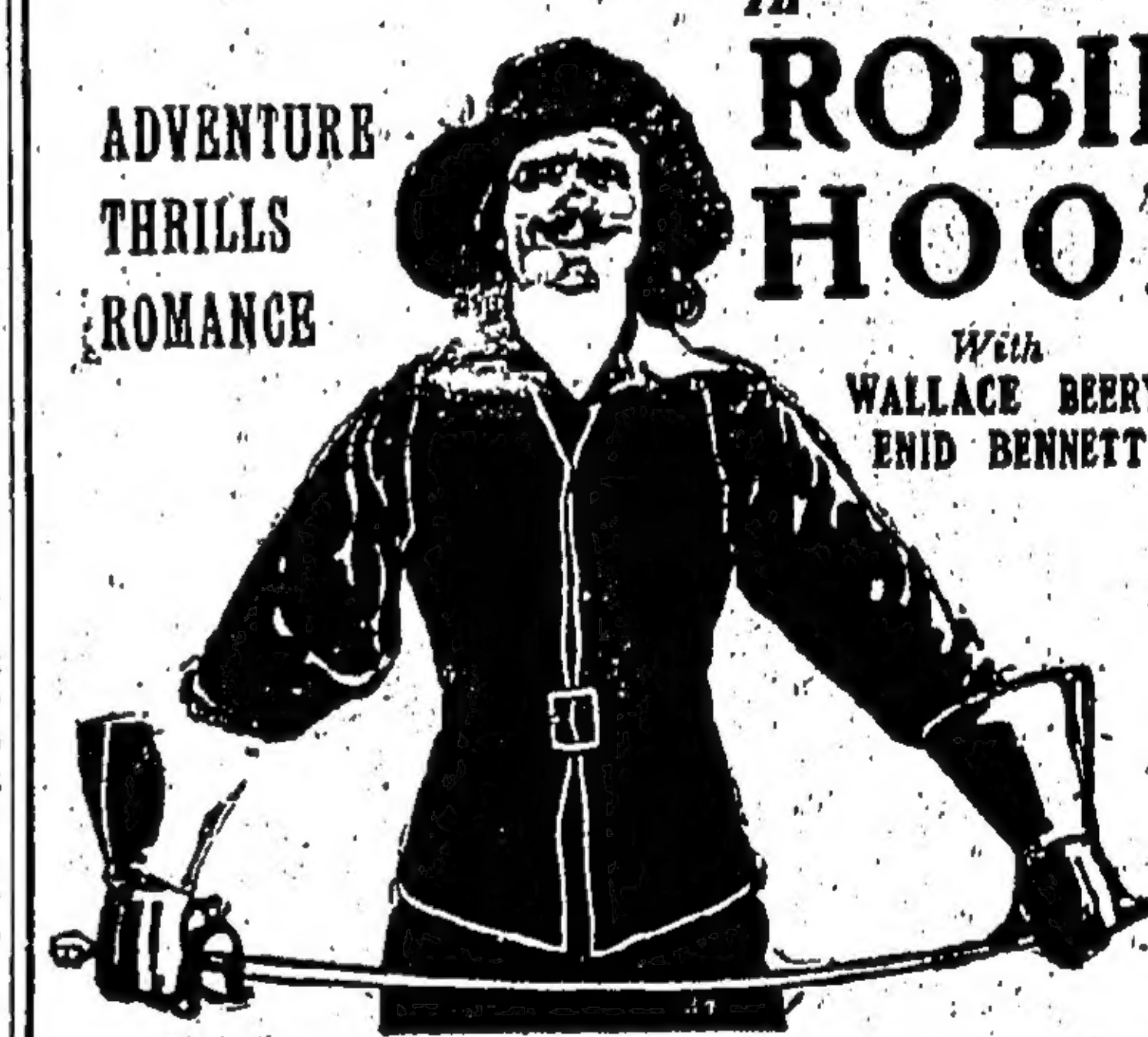
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